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SIXTY-SEVENTH

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

PRESENTED MAY 5, 1875.



BIBLE HOUSE, N. W. CORNER SEVENTH AND WALNUT STS.

PHILADELPHIA:
PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

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PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY HOUSE,

ON WASHINGTON SQUARE,

NORTHWEST CORNER OF SEVENTH AND WALNUT STREETS.

CORRESPONDENCE OF THE SOCIETY.

Letters on the general objects of the Society may be directed to Mr. JOSEPH H. DULLES, Corresponding Secretary.

Letters relative to the formation of Societies, and requests for donations of books, and inquiries as to the mode of raising funds and establishing Depositories, and securing the services of suitable agents for local Societies, or applications from persons desiring to become agents, &c.: all correspondence east of the mountains, direct to Rev. IRVIN H. TORRENCE, Bible House, Philadelphia; all west of the mountains, direct to Rev. W. W. EELLS, Pittsburg.

Remittances of money should be addressed to BENJAMIN G. GODFREY, Treasurer, Bible House, Philadelphia.

Orders for Bibles, or letters relating to accounts, should be directed to JOHN P. RHOADS, Depositary, Bible House, Philadelphia.

MEETINGS OF THE BOARD, AND OF THE SOCIETY.

The Board of Officers and Managers meet regularly at the Society's House, on Washington Square, on the second Thursday in each month, and at other times, as business may require, on adjournment or in special meeting.

The Annual Meeting of the Society is held on the first Wednesday of May. The Public Anniversary exercises are held at such time and place as the Board of Managers may select.

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WITH AN APPENDIX,

CONTAINING THE TREASURER'S ACCOUNT, THE REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES,
LIST OF AUXILIARY SOCIETIES, LIFE MEMBERS, ETC.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

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MINUTES.

THE SIXTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING of the PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY was held at the Society's House, N. W. corner of Walnut and Seventh Streets, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, May 5, 1875, at 5 o'clock P. M.

REV. J. B. DALES, D.D., was chosen Chairman, and Rev. E. W. APPLETON, D.D., appointed Secretary.

Devotional services were held.

The Minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved.

The Sixty-Seventh Annual Report was read by JOSEPH H. DULLES, and, on motion, was accepted, and referred to the new Board for publication.

The Treasurer's Report was read, and, having been audited by the Auditing Committee, was accepted.

The Society then proceeded to the election of twenty-four Managers for the ensuing year.

The Secretary was requested to notify the members elect, and call a meeting for Friday, May 7th, at 5 P. M.

On motion, adjourned.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING.

THE public anniversary meeting of the Society was held in the First Presbyterian Church, at Pittsburg, on Thursday evening, May 20th, at 7½ o'clock, in the presence of a large audience.

After an opening anthem by the choir, a portion of Scripture was read by the Rev. REESE F. ALSOP, and prayer offered by the Rev. S. F. SCOVEL, D.D.

THOMAS H. LANE, Esq., President of the Young Men's Bible Society, of Allegheny County, made an address of welcome, recounting the history of the County Society, and congratulating the State Society on what had been accomplished through its instrumentality.

Rev. Bishop MATTHEW SIMPSON, President of the State Society, responded in an address of unusual interest and force. The main points which he discussed were these: First. Practically it was the design to make a fresh effort, during this and the coming year, to place a copy of the Bible in the hands of every one willing to receive it throughout the commonwealth. During the Centennial year, when strangers from all nations would visit our shores, it was desired that these should see and know that every citizen of the State possessed a copy of the Bible—the chart of the liberties of the sons of men. Secondly. The circulation of the Bible is a common work, in which every Christian man and woman can engage, because the Bible is a common platform upon which all can stand. Thirdly. With an open Bible, no fear whatever may be entertained of the spread of liberty and civilization throughout the world, and no apprehension of danger from the encroachments of Romanism. As there were several other speakers announced on the programme, the bishop declined to detain the audience with extended remarks.

Rev. W. W. EELLS read the sixty-seventh annual report of the Pennsylvania Bible Society. WM. H. ALLEN, LL.D., of Girard College, was next introduced, and delivered a short but very impressive address on the importance of distributing the sacred Scriptures, and of liberally supporting those societies organized for that purpose. His tribute to the value of the Bible was chaste and eloquent.

Rev. DANIEL BLISS, of Beirut, Syria, was the next speaker. He gave a very interesting history of the translation of the sacred Scriptures

into the Arabic tongue—a tongue spoken by over 80,000,000 of people—and of the blessings which had accompanied its reading and study, through missionaries and other efforts, among those who had never before heard the Gospel message. He stated that the world was moving in the East as well as in the West. As an evidence of this, he cited the fact that thirteen millions of pages of the Bible and other books had been printed in Beirut last year, and disseminated throughout the country as far as China.

Rev. GEO. P. HAYS, D.D., President of Washington College, followed in a brief but stirring address, by way of emphasizing what had already been said. It was some evidence of a good thing that it was in general request among men. More than one hundred millions of Bibles have been printed, and this was one proof that it was a good book. It was unlike any other book, in that, if rightly read and believed, it would reform the life and save the soul. There are those who would do more to disseminate the truth of this book than of all other books combined. It would not surprise any one to hear that there were ten thousand families in this city without a copy of Shakspeare; but if it were true that ten thousand families were destitute of the Scriptures, and really desirous of having them, the speaker would undertake to raise enough money in the audience before him to supply every Bible required. The subject was further discussed and very forcibly illustrated in a variety of ways.

Rev. IRVIN H. TORRENCE, of Philadelphia, explained the reason for the non-attendance of Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, D.D., of New York, and Rev. Richard Newton, D.D., of Philadelphia, both earnest workers in the Bible cause.

The doxology was then sung in grand chorus, and the benediction given by Rev. IRVIN H. TORRENCE.

MANAGERS.

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JOSEPH H. DULLES,	GUSTAVUS S. BENSON,
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Committee on Legacies and Trusts.

HON. WM. STRONG,	JOSEPH H. DULLES,
	HON. WILLIAM A. PORTER.

FORM OF A BEQUEST.

I give and bequeath to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, formed in Philadelphia in the year eighteen hundred and eight, the sum of
to be applied to the charitable uses and purposes of the said Society.

OFFICERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

PRESIDENT.

REV. BISHOP MATTHEW SIMPSON, D.D.

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JOHN P. RHOADS, BIBLE HOUSE, PHILADELPHIA.

CONSTITUTION OF AN AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETY.

ART. 1. This Society shall be called the Bible Society, the object of which shall be to promote the circulation of the Holy Scriptures, without note or comment.

ART. 2. This Society shall be auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, and, after supplying the destitute within its own limits, shall pay over its surplus funds to that Society to aid in supplying other places in our own and foreign lands.

ART. 3. The payment of any sum annually shall constitute membership. Subscribers of \$1 or more shall be entitled to receive from the Treasurer, for every dollar contributed, one common Bible, or its value in Testaments, for the destitute, if called for within the year. Those contributing \$10 at one time shall be members for life, and entitled to one common Bible annually for distribution.

ART. 4. The officers of this Society shall consist of a President, Vice-Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, and a suitable number of Managers, who, in case of a failure of an annual election, shall hold their office until a new election is made. The President, or any two of the Managers, shall have power to call a meeting of the Society.

ART. 5. The Officers and Managers may appoint Solicitors, and divide the territory of the Society into districts. The Solicitors shall receive donations annually from the friends of the Bible in their respective districts, and circulate Bibles and Testaments by sale or gift.

ART. 6. The Treasurer shall superintend the operations of the Solicitors, and, in case of the failure of any of them to act efficiently, shall provide substitutes; he shall receive from them the amount they collect, and pay to the Parent Society half-yearly all surplus funds in the treasury.

ART. 7. There shall be an annual meeting of the Society, on call of the officers, when a report of its operations for the past year shall be presented, and such other business transacted as may be necessary.

ART. 8. This Constitution may be altered at any regular meeting, by a vote of a majority of the members present.

Well-arranged Subscription Books can always be had at the Bible House, Philadelphia. They are prepared expressly for auxiliaries, and sold at the cost price. Each Society should have a quantity on hand to supply Solicitors.

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BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THE PENNSYLVANIA BIBLE SOCIETY.

AFTER seventy years, during which a Society, organized for the single purpose of publishing and circulating the sacred Scriptures, has prosecuted this object with wonderful zeal, and the manifest blessing of God, the work remains but partially accomplished; and, although numerous associations, in various Christian nations, have united their efforts with those of the great originators of this benevolent enterprise of the British and Foreign Bible Society, instituted in the year 1804; and although what has been done exceeds the highest anticipations of those who founded these institutions, yet, is the family of mankind, to a vast extent, not only unsupplied with the Holy Scriptures, but ignorant of the existence of a book of undoubted authority containing the revealed will of God.

On the one hand, our admiration is roused by the thought of what holy men and women have, by the grace of God, and under His blessing, done; that in Europe and America, and, to some extent, in Asia, Bible Societies exist; that the sacred Scriptures have, by the agencies of these societies, been translated, in full or in part, into more than two hundred languages and dialects, spoken by as many people and tongues; and that the distribution of these Scriptures is being now effected, by two of these Societies—the British and Foreign Bible Society and the American Bible Society, at the yearly rate of three and a half millions of copies, independent of the publishing and distribution by other associations. On the other hand, we are amazed at the contemplation of what remains to be done.

It appears, by the records of these two Societies, that they have, by means of the numerous agencies employed by them in various parts of the world, both Christian and Pagan, distributed, during the period of their past operations, 105,643,870 volumes. Of these many millions, a large proportion have, in all probability, after doing good service, been worn out, or destroyed by the varied accidents of time, and the remainder, excepting such as may be in the hands of agencies, are in the dwellings of people in various lands.

This is indeed a mighty work to have been accomplished, by means of the voluntary contributions of Christians, within the years of the present century. The amounts of money received and used for this purpose as reported in the records of these two Societies are, for the past year :—

British and Foreign Bible Society receipts	\$1,110,306 75
Issues for last year	2,619,427
Total issues	73,750,538
American Bible Society receipts	\$577,569 80
Copies of Scriptures issued last year	926,900
Total issues	31,893,332

But, on the other hand, there are, as estimated, one thousand millions of inhabitants in our world, and in contemplating what have been distributed, we may well say with the disciple, "What are they among so many?" Yet, God can multiply these sacred records of His will, to the utmost needs of men, and we have the assurance, inevitably to be fulfilled, that it shall be done. "The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea." It is for those who are blessed with the unrestricted use of the sacred records, and who know their precious value, and who love them, to unite with the laborers in the vineyard of our Lord, to canse His name to be hallowed, His kingdom to come, and His will to be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The part which the Pennsylvania Bible Society has done in this department of Christian work has been not unimportant, it being the first institution organized in the United States for the purpose of publishing and distributing the sacred Scriptures without note or comment, and having prosecuted this work uninterruptedly for sixty-seven years.

For eight years of its early existence it was the only institution of the kind in the country, and acted as the Central Bible Society.

Since the organization of the American Bible-Society, ours has been its sincere and ardent associate, contributing to our utmost ability to its funds, and heartily co-operating in its benevolent work.

Our province is specially the State of Pennsylvania, where, by an efficient agency, under the supervision of two district secretaries, much has been done in the organization of societies, charged with the collection of funds for local and for general distribution, and with the purpose of having all the families in the State supplied with copies of the Bible, as well as aiding in sending these sacred records throughout the world.

It has been announced as the design, by the aid of Christian people and the blessing of God, that the State supply shall, as far as possible, be accomplished as a work of the Society and of its auxiliaries, in commemoration of the coming national centennial.

The resolution adopted by the Society one year since, has been cordially greeted wherever announced; and it now remains to be executed. By the action of each section of the State, whether of town or country, applying its means of labor, or of money, this design can be accomplished: and on these is our dependence. The secretaries of the Eastern and Western districts will cheerfully give their aid wherever it may be required.

The receipts of money have, during the past year, been less than usual, owing to causes too well known to be told here, and we hope for better times. We know that it is not because the efficiency or the gracious character of the Society are any the less appreciated; nor because the interest of God's people in their distinctive work is lost.

The circulation during the year was as follows:—

27,741 Bibles.

37,793 Testaments.

3,326 Testaments with Psalms.

2,926 Portions of the Bible.

Total 71,786 volumes, the value of which was \$29,308 38.
Making a total of 2,901,486 volumes since our institution in 1808.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

The Report mentions the decease of Mr. Henry W. Warner, the last of the founders of this Society; one Vice President, Hon. William A. Buckingham; four Managers, Mr. William F. Stearns, Mr. Jonathan Sturges, Mr. Charles N. Talbot, and Mr. William H. Aspinwall; two gentlemen long associated with the Society as members of Standing Committees, Rev. Thomas DeWitt, D.D., for many years Chairman of the Committee on Agencies, and Rev. Howell Powell, a member of the Committee on Distribution; and one Ex-Secretary, Rev. Joseph C. Stiles, D.D.

Messrs. S. Van Rensselaer Cruger, Frederick Sturges, Henry G. De Forest, and Andrew C. Armstrong, have been elected Managers to fill vacancies.

Life directors constituted, 48; life members, 1258; new auxiliaries enrolled, 21.

District superintendents engaged in the Society's work in this country, 32, with 10 assistants. County agents employed by auxiliaries, 233. Bible visitors who have labored gratuitously, 9742. Four agents and assistant agents employed abroad, and 132 colporteurs.

The receipts for the year were \$577,569 80; including \$299,222 65 for publications, \$38,246 25 from rents, \$126,933 59 from legacies, \$106,875 30 from donations, and \$6292 01 from sundry items.

The payments have been \$533,714.

New Electrotpe Plates.—Six sets have been finished at the Bible-House, and three are in process of completion. Work upon two Spanish Reference Bibles is soon to be begun; and in the course of the year an edition of the Scriptures in agate type, 16mo., will be published, to be known as the *Centennial Bible*.

At Beirut, progress has been made in preparing plates for an Arabic New Testament.

New publications at the Bible-House, seven in foreign languages and one in new point-type for the blind.

Copies manufactured at the Bible-House, 742,366. Printed and purchased abroad, 177,689. Total, 920,055.

Copies issued, 726,683 at home; 200,217 abroad. Total, 926,900.

Entire number of copies issued during fifty-nine years, thirty-one millions eight hundred and ninety-three thousand three hundred and thirty-two.

The gratuitous work for the year amounted in value to \$248,792 34. Of this sum \$69,441 33 were cash expenditures on foreign fields, besides 13,855 copies of Scripture sent from this country.

Number of auxiliaries reported as engaged in supplying their fields, 542.

The distribution of the Scriptures in the United States during the year, and during the last nine years, apart from ordinary sales by auxiliary Societies, so far as reported, is shown by the following figures:—

	In one year.	In nine years.
Number of families visited	463,827	4,989,972
Number of families found without the Scripture .	47,353	497,976
Number of destitute families supplied	26,036	349,573
Individuals supplied in addition	18,371	285,539
Sabbath and other schools supplied	1,828	12,987

EXTRACTS

FROM REPORTS OF AUXILIARIES.

ADAMS COUNTY.

The first anniversary of the Adams County Bible Society was held in Fairfield, October 27, 1874. At the opening of the session, at 2½ o'clock P. M., the President, Rev. J. W. Lake, in the chair, prayer was offered by Rev. Mr. Jamieson, of Gettysburg.

The minutes of the meeting of organization, held at Gettysburg November 6, 1873, and the constitution there adopted, were read and approved.

Delegates from the auxiliary societies being called for, the following were announced as present :—

From the Pennsylvania College and Theological Seminary Society—Rev. Dr. C. A. Hay, and Messrs. Zimmerman, Wirt, and Beard.

From the New Oxford Society—Mr. John R. Hersh.

From the New Chester Society—Rev. J. W. Lake.

From the Fairfield Society—Messrs. A. C. Musselman, J. U. Neely, G. W. Wertz, Barney Riley, and J. S. Witherow; Mrs. Sarah Witherow, and Misses Margaretta McGinley, Kate Culbertson, Jane Moore, Eliza Hall, Martha Musselman, and Elizabeth McGinley.

Rev. Jamieson; the Treasurer, J. L. Schick; and Secretary, L. H. Croll, were, by vote of the Convention, enrolled as representatives of the Bible interests at Gettysburg.

From the Societies of Bendersville, Arendtsville, Abbottstown, Hunterstown, York Springs, and Littlestown, there was no delegate.

The President nominated as a Committee to name officers for the ensuing year, Messrs. J. R. Hersh, A. C. Musselman, and M. L. Beard, who reported the following :—

President, Rev. J. W. Lake; *Vice-Presidents*, the Presidents of the Auxiliary Societies; *Treasurer and Depositary*, J. L. Schick; *Executive Committee*, J. B. Baughman, John F. Felty, Samuel Wolf, Rev. Jamieson, John Burkholder, John R. Hersh, G. W. Wertz, Rev. M. J. Alleman, J. B. Hoffman, J. L. Schick, *ex-officio*, and L. H. Croll, *ex-officio*.

These were all elected by acclamation.

The President was directed to address an invitation to the Gettysburg Ladies' Bible Society to connect their Society formally with the county organization, and send delegates to our annual conventions.

The report of the Treasurer and Depositary, J. L. Schick, was read and adopted. The account shows that the Treasurer has received Bibles and Testaments at a cost of \$168 15, and donations from the auxiliary societies to the amount of \$66 08; also, that there is yet due to the Pennsylvania Bible Society for stock on hand \$96 84.

EVENING SESSION OF THE CONVENTION.

The proceedings of the evening session were opened with devotional exercises, the President officiating.

Rev. Jamieson delivered an address on "The Truth—its Strength and Final Triumph."

The subjoined topics, presented by a committee in the afternoon session, were then discussed:—

1. The Christian's Closet Companion—the Bible.
2. The Bible, the Light of the Christian Sanctuary.
3. The Bible, the Corner-stone of Civil and Religious Liberty, and of National Greatness and Prosperity.
4. The Bible Society, the Bond of Protestant Unity.

Short speeches were delivered on the subjects under discussion, by Messrs. Beard, Zimmerman, Wirt, and Rev. Dr. Hay. Mr. Zimmerman gave to the Society a summary of work done by the various Bible societies throughout Christendom. It was

Resolved, That we request the local societies to take such measures during the coming year to supply all destitution, so as to be able to report our county fully supplied with Bibles at the time of the Centennial celebration to be held in Philadelphia in 1876.

Pennsylvania College and Theological Seminary Society.—Mr. J. Zimmerman, on behalf of the Pennsylvania College and Theological Seminary Society, made a report of sums collected, \$23 75; amount paid for expenses of Rev. I. H. Torrence and others in establishing societies in the county of Adams, \$16 00; paid to the Treasurer of the County Society the remainder, \$7 25.

New Oxford Society.—Mr. J. R. Hersh, for the New Oxford Society, reported cash from last settlement, \$13 16, donations, \$24 17, sale of books, \$18 10, making in all, 55 43; of which \$40 were sent to Mr. Schick, Treasurer of County Society, \$1 80 express charges, and balance, \$13 63.

Fairfield Society.—Mr. J. M. Neely reported \$4 45 in the hands of Treasurer, Mr. A. C. Musselman; but no collection taken, and no books sold during the year.

New Chester Society.—Rev. J. W. Lake made a verbal report that the New Chester Society had not as yet done any work in the Bible

cause ; but he gave incidents of his own personal experience in supplying the destitute with the Word of God.

After selecting New Oxford as the place of the next meeting, and tendering thanks for the hospitality of the people of Fairfield, the meeting was adjourned.

L. H. CROLL,
Sec. Adams Co. Bible Soc.

The GETTYSBURG FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY celebrated its anniversary last Nov. 8, in the Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Kieffer, of the Reformed Church, delivered the address. Rev. W. Jameison, of the United Presbyterian Church, Dr. Hay, Prof. Baugher, and Rev. Probst, of the Lutheran Church, took part in the exercises.

On the following Tuesday evening, the annual meeting took place in lecture-room of the same church ; an unusually large number were in attendance. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—

President, Mrs. Rev. Smith ; *Vice-President*, Mrs. Winebrenner ; *Treasurer*, Mrs. S. Fahnestock ; *Secretary*, Mrs. J. M. Jacobs ; *Librarian*, Miss Maria Walters. A new visiting committee was appointed.

The Rev. Dr. Hay presented the claims of the Adams County Bible Society. On motion, it was resolved that the Executive Committee be invested with power to assist the County Society, by contributing funds, or in such manner as they may deem best.

Ten copies of the Bible have been given to supply the apartments of the McClellan House, and ten copies and five Gospels to the Young Men's Christian Association.

Five English and two German Bibles have been distributed gratuitously, and ten Bibles sold.

Mrs. Rev. S. Smith and Mrs. J. Winebrenner were constituted Life Members of the Parent Society.

The Treasurer's Reports for the year:—

Received from collection in Methodist Church . . .	\$12 55
“ “ “ membership . . .	87 45
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	\$100 00

We take pleasure in being able to state that a manifest interest exists. The efforts of our Society have not been in vain ; although our collections have not been *quite* as large as the preceding year, yet we have done well in consideration of the pressure in money matters.

J. M. JACOBS, *Secretary*.

ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

The Board of Managers of the Young Men's Bible Society of Allegheny County, present their Fifty-seventh Annual Report with grateful remembrance of God's mercies toward us as individuals, and as a Society. As on each recurring anniversary we cast our eyes over the labors of the past year to see wherein we have failed to rightly improve the opportunities given us, that our failures may shame us into better service, and to take heart over what the Lord has been pleased to accomplish through us, so we may also look back over the longer spaces, and rejoice that the fifty-seven years of our existence have not been without many tokens of God's solicitude over the welfare and usefulness of this little auxiliary. We hallow the memory of His love and care during these years—we plead for the presence and power of His Holy Spirit that we may become the worthy recipients of His care during coming years, and that the entrance of His word may give light to thousands who now sit in darkness. The past year has not been without its precious fruit in our Bible work. As our Agent presented his Report from month to month, many incidents were related confirming afresh old experiences of the power of the simple Word of God alone, to comfort the sorrowing, and awaken and convert the careless. "One day last fall," he says, "an old lady, perhaps 70 years old, greeted me with the warmest expression of thanks for a large printed Testament that I had given to her some years ago. 'I can still see to read that book,' she said, 'and you do not know what comfort and peace it brings to me.' I was stopped on Wood Street, not many days since, with the inquiry, 'Mr. Clark, are you still engaged in the good work?' I replied that I was. He said, 'you cannot see all the good you are doing. I have been a careless man most of my life. Recently I began to read the Bible that you gave me. Soon I began to feel anxious about my soul, and the more I read the deeper was my trouble. I kept it all to myself for a while—at last meeting a companion who I knew had been as thoughtless as myself, I told him how I felt. To my surprise I found him in much the same condition with myself. He too had been reading one of your Society's Bibles. We read together, and now others are reading the Bible through our influence. I hope we are both Christians, and that the good work will go on widening while the world lasts.'" An interesting feature of the Society's work during the year, has been that of supplying the various railroads entering the city with copies of the Scriptures. The officials in connection with most of the roads entered with gratifying heartiness into the project, providing suitable racks for the books at their expense, while our Society furnished them the Bibles free of cost. In this way 72 passenger coaches, and 68 cabooses were each supplied with two copies of the

Scriptures, 280 copies in all. We are not without reliable testimony that these volumes have been largely read by the travelling public, and the employes of the roads. Here, too, facts of the most interesting character might be related.

The employes of our railroads can rarely attend church anywhere on Sabbath, and many of them, as we know, feel the deprivation very deeply. One of them remarked to our agent the other day, "we felt until lately, that there was no Sabbath for us, and that Christians did not care much about us. But when you left the Bibles in our caboose cars we thought that we had some good friends. The other day (Sunday) we were disputing among ourselves about something in the Bible, and we all gathered into a caboose, and the two Bibles were read for two hours, until we moved on again. It was like being at Church almost."

He has made 8852 visits during the year, finding 113 families destitute of the Bible. Of this number 54 were supplied by gift, some of them paid for copies in whole or in part, and others refused to accept a copy either by gift or purchase. The Society has during the year donated largely to Mission Sabbath Schools, Benevolent and Reformatory Institutions, Hotels, and Steamboats. The Christian public who aid us with their means may be assured, that what we again give away is distributed with great care, and that the expenses of carrying on our work are small indeed in comparison with the good that is being wrought within our own bounds and elsewhere.

The Treasurer's Report, a brief abstract of which is annexed, will show that most of the funds contributed reach the Parent Society:—

Mr. John F. Loy, Treasurer.

Total receipts from all sources	\$4392 03
Remitted Pennsylvania Bible Society	\$3629 18
Agent's salary	600 00
Librarian's salary	100 00
Contingent expenses	62 85
	————— \$4392 03

The Librarian, Mr. W. W. Waters, No. 168 Penn Avenue, reports as follows:—

Volumes donated to Mission Schools, railroad cars, asylums, etc. etc.	1357
Number of volumes sold	2792
“ “ on hand	1929

ARMSTRONG COUNTY.

The County Society has been reorganized, with six township societies. The Society at Rural Village has set about the work of canvassing, and it is hoped that the others will follow their example.

BEAVER COUNTY.

A few organizations have been effected during the winter in this county, some of them with good promise for the future; but as yet no accomplished work has been reported.

BEDFORD COUNTY.

All efforts to incite this county to take hold of the work in earnest have as yet been without success.

BUCKS COUNTY.

The Fifty-seventh Annual Meeting of the Bucks County Bible Society was held according to adjournment, in the Baptist church of Davisville, on the last Thursday, the 27th day of August, 1874, at 10½ o'clock, forenoon, and was opened with a sermon by the Rev. H. M. Voorhees, of the Reformed Church, Churchville, from Psalm cxix. 130, "The entrance of thy words giveth light." THEME—*The Bible the best book for elevating the mind and the heart of our race.*

After public worship, the Society proceeded to business. President Stavely in the chair. Members and representatives present from the following churches: *Episcopal*, Hulmeville—Rev. W. P. G. Brinkloe, E. G. Harrison, Jesse H. Knight; *Centreville*—Rev. J. T. Carpenter, William Stavely. *Reformed*, North and Southampton—Rev. H. M. Voorhees, Charles Wright; *Richborough*—Rev. Isaac Collier. *Baptist*, Davisville—Rev. W. H. Conard, Gen. John Davis, Samuel Leedom. *Presbyterian*, Newtown—Rev. George C. Bush, Charles Bush, Wm. T. Seal; *Forestville*—John C. Agin; *Deep Run and Doylestown*, and *Female Bible Society of Doylestown*—John G. Mann, Rev. S. M. Andrews. It was stated by the President that, in compliance with invitation extended, Rev. Mr. Torrence, agent of the Pennsylvania Society, had expected to be present.

The Chair appointed the following committees: On Finance—Messrs. Conard and Harrison. To Nominate Officers—Messrs. Davis, Voorhees, and Seal. On next Meeting—Messrs. Carpenter, Bush, and Mann.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The President read a letter received by him, with books and papers, from Rev. D. K. Turner, Treasurer, regretting his unavoidable absence,

because of a funeral he had been called to attend at the hour of the Society's meeting. Mr. Harrison was appointed to act in the place of Mr. Turner.

The report of the Treasurer was read by Mr. Harrison, and referred to the Committee on Finance.

On supply, the following report was made, viz.: At the annual meeting in 1873, it was

Resolved, That the Society enter on the exploration and resupply of the county, Mr. John C. Agin to be engaged as their colporteur.

The officers of the Society were directed to arrange definitely with Mr. Agin as to terms and time of commencing, and that they exercise a general supervision over the work. This the committee have endeavored to do, and for information as to progress and present state of resupply, they beg leave to refer the Society to the carefully arranged and specific report by Mr. Agin.

Mr. Agin submitted his report, viz.:—

Commenced exploration and resupply September 10th, 1873, at \$60 per month; completed the following townships: Bristol, Bensalem, Newtown, Falls, Wrightstown, Lower Makefield, Middletown, Southampton, Northampton, Warminster, Upper Makefield in part, with boroughs of Bristol and Newtown.

Families found	4094
Not at home	182
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Whole number visited	4276

Destitute, 288, nearly one family in every fifteen. Refusing a Bible, 134. Families with Douay Bible, 65. Bibles given, 119. Testaments given, 44—\$56 70. Bibles sold, 168. Testaments sold, 68. Testaments and Psalms, 10—\$209 82.

Bibles and Testaments drawn on deposit with the Pennsylvania Society, \$446 01, to be included in general balancing of accounts on completion of the work. Still in hand about \$100 worth.

The officers of the Society, as a committee, were directed to continue the work as during the past year. Mr. Agin still acting as the colporteur of the Society.

The Committee on Finance reported, that, having examined the Treasurer's accounts, they found them correct, showing receipts during the year past, as per specifications in tabular form below, amounting to \$160 40.

The Committee on Nominations reported as officers for the ensuing year: William Stavelly, Lahaska, President; Rev. D. K. Turner, Harts-ville, Treasurer; Rev. S. M. Andrews, Doylestown, Secretary.

Resolved, That the importance of the work this Society is now engaged in, and the heavy expense unavoidably incurred, earnestly plead

for assistance from all friends of the Bible cause ; and especially that churches which have not made collections are hereby entreated to do so at an early day, forwarding the same to Rev. D. K. Turner, Harts-ville, Treasurer of the Society.

Resolved, That the opening sermon of to-day be given to the public through the press of the county.

The President of the Society was appointed a committee to solicit a copy of the same, and to request the favor of its publication.

Thanks of the Society were returned to Rev. Mr. Voorhees for his appropriate and instructive sermon, to the trustees of this congregation for the use of their house of worship, to editors of the county for kindness as in former years, to Mr. McIntosh, of the *Bucks County Intelligencer*, for slips of last year's minutes, and to the families of Davisville and vicinity, for their cordial invitation and generous hospitality.

The Society then, on motion, adjourned, to hold the next annual meeting, as recommended by the Committee of Arrangements, in the Presbyterian church of Doylestown, on the last Thursday of August, 1875, at 10½ o'clock forenoon, to be opened with a sermon by the Rev. W. P. G. Brinkloe, of Hulmeville, Rev. W. H. Conard, of Davisville, his alternate; the President and Secretary as a committee to solicit and arrange for brief addresses on subjects assigned. Closed with the benediction.

WILLIAM STAVELY, *President*.

S. M. ANDREWS, *Secretary*.

Receipts from Churches.

Year ending August	1873.	1874.*	To-day for 1875.
EPISCOPAL.			
Centreville	\$5 85	\$7 00	\$8 75
Hulmeville			7 60
Doylestown	11 10	10 00	11 32
REFORMED.			
North and Southampton . .	12 00	23 65	5 50
Richborough	26 95	12 62	7 75
PRESBYTERIAN.			
Neshaminy—Warwick . .	16 82	10 72	20 00
Newtown	27 07	17 84	20 18
Neshaminy—Warminster . .	10 16		26 07
Deep Run	2 50	2 76	2 30
Doylestown	21 78	24 57	19 50
Sandy Ridge S. School . .		7 65	
Female Bib. Soc. Doylestown .	45 80	42 40	47 00
Miscellaneous	5 10	1 20	
Total	\$185 13	\$160 41	\$175 97

BUTLER COUNTY.

The County Society has been organized anew, with also twelve township societies, quite a number of which have taken hold of the work with zeal, and some have nearly finished canvassing their respective districts, but are not yet ready to report in full.

BLAIR COUNTY.

The character of the people of this county makes it strange that hitherto so little has been done by them for the Bible cause. It is now proposed to give a full opportunity and to interest them more in this good work.

CAMBRIA COUNTY.

EBENSBURG BIBLE SOCIETY.—Owing to the existing financial troubles of the country, our Society did not make their annual collections for 1873, until too late to send in her report. The executive committee thought it advisable to expend a portion of the funds in canvassing and supplying the destitute in our own district with the Bible, and concluded to employ a colporteur to canvass the district, and sell all the Bibles and Testaments he could, and donate to all who were destitute and unable to buy. They, therefore, employed Mr. S. E. Elliott for that purpose, whose report I herewith annex :—

I have visited the families of Ebensburg Borough and Cambria Township, numbering about 257. Found them all supplied with Bibles except one family. I was received very kindly by all the families. Did not make many sales, however, on account of the scarcity of money.

Number of English Bibles sold	.	.	.	.	.	5
“ “ Welsh “ “	3
“ “ English Testaments sold	15
“ “ Welsh “ “	7
“ “ English and Welsh Testaments sold	3

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S. E. ELLIOTT.

The collections for 1874 were taken during the month of November. The Treasurer was instructed to forward to the Parent Society all the balance of money in his hands (\$241 33). The following named persons were made life members, viz., Richard J. Thomas, Lewis L. Edwards, Silas H. Davis, John T. Griffith, Evan Bennett, Evan Hughes, David Tudor, John Howells.

The annual meeting of our Society was held in the Presbyterian church, on Sabbath evening, January 17, 1875, when the following officers were re-elected for the ensuing year :—

President, John Gittings; *Vice-President*, A. Y. Jones; *Secretary*,

Geo. A. Kinkead; *Treasurer and Librarian*, C. T. Roberts; *Executive Committee*, H. Kinkead, William Clement, Thos. J. Davis, John Howells, R. E. Smith.

A very large and interesting meeting was held, and was addressed by Hon. A. A. Barker upon the history and workings of the Bible Society; he was followed by Rev. J. G. Thomas and Rev. T. R. Jones.

GEO. A. KINKEAD, *Secretary*.

C. T. Roberts, Treasurer of Ebensburg Bible Society for Year ending December 31, 1874.

1874.

Jan. 1.	To amount in Treasurer's hands	\$63 16
	By cash paid on books to Pennsylvania Bible Society per order of ex-commissioner	63 16
July 24.	To amount collected for 1873	\$163 16
Aug. 7.	By cash paid S. E. Elliott, per order of ex-commissioner, for canvassing Ebensburg Borough and Cambria Township	35 00
		<hr/> \$128 16
Nov. 26.	To amount of collections for 1874	113 17
		<hr/> \$241 33
Nov. 27.	By amount sent to Pennsylvania Bible Society to make eight life members, per order of ex-commissioner	\$241 33

1874.

Jan. 3.	To amount books in Depository	\$211 58
	By reduction in price per order of ex-commissioner	16 03
		<hr/> \$195 55
	To amount books purchased during 1874	157 11
		<hr/> \$352 66

1875.

Jan. 1.	By amount books in Depository	\$233 46
	By donation of nine English and three German Bibles to county jail	5 70
	By donations to individuals	6 20
	By commission on books sold	23 84
	By express, freight, and postage	2 15
		<hr/> \$271 35
		\$81 31
	By amount paid Pennsylvania Bible Society	81 31
	Balance due " " "	47 35
	Amount books sold in 1874	119 20

CENTRE COUNTY.

On Sunday, August 30, 1874, by previous arrangement, a union meeting was held in the Methodist Episcopal church in Bellefonte, at which, after an address by Rev. Mr. Eells, the Western Secretary, the County Bible Society was organized by the election of Rev. James Calder, D.D., *President*; H. Y. Stitzer, Esq., *Secretary*; and S. H. Yocum, Esq., *Treasurer*.

At a meeting of the Executive Committee soon afterwards, Rev. Mr. Galbraith was appointed agent for the county, and entered upon his work.

Mr. G. labored most effectively for the time, and it is very much to be regretted that he could not continue and finish the work so well begun.

The Report of the Society is as follows:—

Whole number of families visited by agent	995
“ “ “ destitute families	35
“ “ “ “ individuals	30
“ “ “ “ families supplied by gift	22
“ “ “ “ “ “ sale	13
“ “ “ “ individuals “ “ “	12
“ “ “ “ “ “ “ gift	18
“ “ “ books donated to others	28
Value of books donated	\$ 18 60
Whole number of days employed (at \$2 00 per day), 79	158 00
Whole amount of money subscribed to agent	117 67
“ “ “ received by agent	109 50
“ “ extra expenses	4 00
“ “ money collected at Bellefonte	132 72
	<hr/> \$440 49

Expenses of Society.

Freight, etc.	\$ 5 31
Salary for agent	158 00
Extra expense	4 00
Amount for bills donated	39 80
Stationery and pass-books, etc.	1 12
Expenses of Dr. Calder	7 00
	<hr/> \$215 23
Expense of book donated by society	38 80
	<hr/> \$254 03
Received by subscription as per above	\$243 28
“ sale of Bibles	53 25
	<hr/> \$296 53
	\$42 50

Amount of books received per Bible House,		
September 10, 1874	\$ 93 28	
Amount of books received per Bible House,		
October 2, 1874	104 30	
	<hr/>	\$197 58
Amount of books donated by Society . . .	\$39 80	
“ “ sold “	53 25	
	<hr/>	\$93 05
Amount of books on hand		\$104 53

Yours,

H. Y. STITZER.

CLINTON COUNTY.

This county has been canvassed entire by Wm. Antis, and every family supplied, and great good accomplished in this sowing of the seed of eternal life.

CLARION COUNTY.

The County Society has been reorganized with also eight township societies. Mr. Daniel Delo, President of the County Society, and Rev. Cyril Wilson have taken hold of the work in earnest, and propose to see that what work is not done by local societies shall be done by an agent under charge of the County Society.

COLUMBIA COUNTY.

Report of Bloomsburg Bible Society for Year ending April 1, 1875.

Amount for books sold	\$77 16
“ of donations	42 81
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	\$119 97
Freight and expenses	1 29
Sent to Parent Bible Society	118 68
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	\$119 97

A. D. WEBB, *Treasurer.*

CLEARFIELD COUNTY.

REV. W. W. EELLS,

Dear Sir: In answer to your questions sent me I would reply that we have a Bible society only in name; no persons taking any special interest in it except Dr. A. M. Hills, treasurer, and myself, secretary. We keep up a supply of Bibles in our depository in the court-house. There has not been a canvass of our county for eight years. We have

no agents in employ. Our district comprises all of Clearfield County. I have no doubt a general canvass of the county is badly needed again, and unless managed by the State Society I fear will not be done by ours. I wish I had a better report to make, but these are the facts. We keep our accounts for books at the Bible House in Philadelphia.

GEO. W. RHEEM.

CRAWFORD COUNTY.

This county was for many years noted for its interest in the Bible cause, as shown by its most liberal contributions. The interest undoubtedly is the same, but changes in the oil business have made the expression of it more difficult. There have been ten township societies organized, and we can hope that the work of canvassing will be done.

DAUPHIN COUNTY.

The Society met at Dauphin, in the Methodist Episcopal church, on Tuesday, June 1, at 3 P.M. President, Hon. A. O. Hiester, in the chair.

The meeting was opened with religious exercises, conducted by the Rev. Mr. Symington, of Baldwin, and Rev. Mr. Robinson, of Harrisburg.

The minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

The several auxiliary societies were represented as follows:—

Harrisburg.—Rev. Thos. H. Robinson, Rev. Symington, John A. Weir, Esq., and A. K. Fahnestock, Esq.

Coxestown.—Hon. A. O. Hiester, E. J. Mills, Esq., Mrs. B. Neidig, Mrs. W. Free, Miss N. Ottslott, Miss E. Grove, Miss M. Smith, Miss N. Brooks, Miss J. Corbett, and L. N. Ott.

Linglestown.—Rev. G. D. Gross and John Focht, Esq.

Dauphin.—Wm. J. Robinson, Esq., Jefferson Clark, Esq., Mrs. Joseph Corbett, Miss Lelia Meeker, Miss Kate Crouse, Miss Alice Tally, Miss Flora Clair, Miss Annie Taylor, Miss Emma Reel. Miss Annie McCollough, Miss Catherine Miller, Miss Emma Zimmerman, Miss Sallie Straw, Mrs. Rebecca Fertig, Messrs. S. Maury, Philip Miller, J. Maury, P. S. McCollough, Samuel Kinter, and Dr. Wm. Graydon.

Halifax.—Rev. E. L. Hughes and wife, Dr. H. W. Bishoff, Samuel Hines, Esq., Jos. B. Landis, Esq., Hon. Samuel Landis, A. H. Putt and wife.

Millersburg.—G. W. Brubaker, Esq.

The Pennsylvania Bible Society was represented by Rev. I. H. Torrence, of Philadelphia.

On motion, the chair appointed Messrs. Weir, Graydon, and Brubaker a committee to report the names of officers for the ensuing year.

The President, Hon. A. O. Hiester, then tendered his resignation as follows: "With the indulgence of the convention I will repeat, before the Committee retire, the substance of the remarks I made at Halifax a year ago, that I desire them to name some one other than myself for the office of President. When I was elected some twelve years ago, I said that I felt it was an honor to be considered worthy of the position. I have felt so at each re-election, and it was only because there were no pecuniary emoluments, but some labor attached to the office, that I have so long held the position. I believe it will be for the best interest of the cause that there be rotation in the office of president, and that when a change is made it should be to a different denomination. If the committee shall agree with me in this view of the matter, they will please act upon my suggestion."

On motion of Mr. Weir, a committee consisting of Revs. Illman, Robinson, and Meeker were appointed to report topics for discussion at the evening session.

The Committee reported the following subjects for consideration:—

1. Bible Societies; their use and value.
2. The Bible in the family; how shall it be used?
3. The Bible and the common school.
4. Is the Bible losing its power over the world?

The report was read and adopted.

Report from the Auxiliary Societies.

Harrisburg.—This Society has canvassed the city during last fall and winter, calling from house to house; furnishing all the poor with a copy of the Bible. Many of the recipients expressed gratitude for the gift. In this way about 130 families were supplied. We have frequent single calls, and by feeble Sunday Schools, whose wants are all supplied. In all we have furnished 293 copies of the Holy Book. By the aid of two of our city churches, and of about 30 persons, we bring a donation of \$200 to the Dauphin County Bible Society, and have a balance of over \$50 in the treasury.

A. K. FAHNESTOCK.

Linglestown.—C. B. Carl, *President*; G. W. Baker, *Vice-President*; John Focht, *Secretary*; Wm. Yeager, *Librarian*. *Executive Committee*, Revs. Simon Mower, and William Fisher. *Soliciting Committee*, Mrs. G. W. Baker, Miss Annie Levan, Miss Kate Smith, Miss Ida Strohm.

Amount collected for past year	\$48 57
“ donated to county society	10 00
“ balance on hand	38 57
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	\$48 57

On hand 9 German, 12 English Bibles; 3 German, 20 English Testaments. There seems to be greater interest manifested by this Society in the reading and circulation of the Bible.

JOHH FOCHT, *Secretary*.

Coxestown.—The annual meeting was held on Sabbath morning, May 23, 1875, in the M. E. church at Coxestown.

Officers chosen for ensuing year: *President*, A. O. Heister; *Treasurer*, Benj. Olewine; *Secretary*, L. N. Ott.

Money collected for past year, \$40 86, all donated to the Dauphin County Bible Society.

The following persons are recommended for life members by virtue of the above-mentioned donation: Mrs. Jane S. Corbett; Mrs. Lydia Smith; Mrs. E. M. Russell.

L. N. OTT, *Secretary*.

Dauphin.—While a deplorable mortality has visited the auxiliaries of the county, our society still lives and enjoys a reasonable share of health and vigor. Notwithstanding the times and the consequent depression of business, the wheels of its machinery still revolve, and our work steadily progresses. As an evidence of our prosperity, we bring our usual annual donation of fifty dollars.

Our anniversary meeting was held on Sabbath evening, May 23, and a large and appreciative audience attested their interest in the cause. All the denominations of the borough were represented. Three of our ministers were present and spoke words of cheer. Thus we presented a united front to a common enemy.

Balance in its treasury last year	\$18 42
Amount realized from sale of books	3 80
“ collected this year	45 25
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		\$67 47
Donated to county society	50 00
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		\$17 47

Which by a resolution of the Executive Committee is appropriated to buy Bibles and Testaments for home wants.

Officers for the ensuing year: *President*, Rev. D. C. Meeker; *Vice-President*, Rev. Fred. Illman; *Secretary*, W. Graydon; *Treasurer*, A. Garveriet; *Librarian*, Jefferson Clark; *Executive Committee*, P. S. McCullough, F. Mitzes, J. Maury, Henry Bowman, A. M. Neely.

WM. GRAYDON, *Secretary*.

Halifax.—Society met in the M. E. church at Halifax on Tuesday evening, May 25, 1875. After calling the meeting to order, the President, Rev. Joseph Aspril, led in an opening prayer.

The following officers were elected for the year: *President*, Rev. Joseph Aspril; *Vice-Presidents*, Rev. E. L. Hughes and Rev. N. E. Bressler; *Secretary*, Dr. H. W. Bishoff; *Treasurer and Librarian*, Hon. Samuel Landis; *Executive Committee*, A. H. Putt, Henry Rouch, Jr., William Lodge, Jos. B. Landis, Hon. A. Fortenbaugh; Hon. Samuel Landis, *ex officio*, and Dr. H. W. Bishoff, *ex officio*.

Amount collected during the year	\$31 97
Balance from last year	5 05
Amount realized from sale of books	1 25
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Total	\$38 27
Donation to County Society	35 00
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Balance in treasury	\$3 27

H. W. BISHOFF, *Secretary*.

Millersburg.—

Bibles and cash on hand from last year	\$45 59
Amount realized from sale of books	29 51
Collections	42 71
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	\$117 81

Paid for Bibles	\$50 00
“ freight	1 50
Bibles donated	2 40
Donation to D. C. B. S.	50 00
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	104 40
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Balance	\$13 41
Bibles on hand	19 49

J. B. SEAL, *Secretary*.

The committee on officers reported as follows: *President*, Dr. Wm. Graydon; *Treasurer*, A. K. Fahnestock, Esq.; *Secretary*, L. N. Ott; *Executive Committee*, Rev. T. H. Robinson, Rev. S. Kuhn, Rev. Dr. Holmes, Rev. M. Bryant, James McCormick, G. W. Brubaker, John A. Weir, R. F. Kelker, Wm. Buehler, and Valentine Hummell, Esqs.

Dr. Graydon requested that his name might not be used in connection with the office of President, whereupon on motion of L. N. Ott, the report was amended by substituting the name of Hon. A. O. Hies-ter for that of Dr. Graydon. The report as amended was adopted.

On motion, the convention adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock P. M.

On reassembling at the hour named, the session was opened with the usual religious exercises, conducted by Rev. Torrence and Rev. Meeker. Music by the choir.

The first subject for discussion—"Bible Societies; their use and

value," was introduced, and ably discussed by Messrs. Meeker, Pelman, Robinson, Torrence, and Hiester, President.

On motion of Mr. Robinson, Middletown was fixed upon as the place of meeting on the first Tuesday of June, 1876.

The second subject for discussion: "The Bible in the family; how shall it be used?" was then well handled by Messrs. Illman, Brubaker, Meeker, and Torrence, the audience evincing unusual interest and delight.

A. R. Fahnestock, Esq., Treasurer of the Dauphin County Bible Society, then reported as follows:—

On January 5, 1874, the Society had Bibles on hand to the value of \$197 84. We have since purchased from the State Society Bibles to the value of \$449 69. We have sold books to the amount of \$439 90, paid freight and advertising \$12 13, and have books on hand valued at \$212 01.

1874.		DR.	
	To balance		\$371 50
	" Linglestown donation		10 00
	" cash on sale of books		305 87
	" " from Harrisb'g Soc'y for 293 books		112 00
	" donation, Harrisburg Society		200 00
June	" " Coxestown		40 86
"	" " Dauphin		50 00
"	" " Linglestown		10 00
"	" " Halifax		35 00
			<u>\$1135 23</u>
1875.			
June 2.	To balance as above		\$285 54
1874.			
	By cash in State Society		\$349 69
1875.			
Jan. 2.	" State Society		500 00
	" balance		285 54
			<u>\$1135 23</u>

A. K. FAHNESTOCK, *Treasurer.*

On motion of Rev. Robinson, the Treasurer was directed to pay a donation of \$500 to the State Bible Society.

The question of the organization of auxiliary societies was then discussed. Various suggestions were thrown out, leading to a reference of the whole matter, in the Executive Committee, at a meeting to be

held at the residence of Thomas H. Robinson, Harrisburg, on Saturday, June 12, at 2 P. M.

On motion of Rev. Torrence, Rev. T. H. Robinson was accredited the representative of this Society in the British and Foreign Bible Society.

Rev. Gross and Mr. Fochs pledged themselves to give the subject of organization at Linglestown and vicinity their special attention.

A vote of thanks to the citizens of Dauphin for their hospitalities was unanimously tendered.

Convention then adjourned after a benediction by Rev. I. H. Torrence.

L. N. OTT, *Secretary*.

ELK COUNTY.

Rev. G. R. Harvey has been commissioned to explore the counties of Elk and Cameron, with the adjacent parts of McKean and Clearfield. He has but just entered upon his labors, but he finds the depression in the lumber trade a great hindrance in his work. This scarcely populated region should be visited and supplied at all events.

Mr. S. A. Rote at Ridgeway maintains a Bible Depository at his own expense.

ERIE COUNTY.

From this auxiliary, so devoted to the Bible cause, we have no regular report except of the moneys remitted. We regret that the North East Towuship Society, which never fails to do its work thoroughly, has not sent us a stirring report of its meetings, to encourage others to go and do likewise.

FAYETTE COUNTY.

The County Society has for a long time had a merely nominal existence, but the county has been from year to year very thoroughly explored by efficient agents. Rev. J. Kenney has continued to labor here for the past year, and particularly in the mountain townships. Six new township societies have just been organized, and the work is beginning with them anew.

FRANKLIN COUNTY.

The fifty-ninth year of the existence of the Franklin County Society has closed. During the last fall the exploration of the county was finished. Since 1857 this Society has had the county thoroughly explored twice—some parts three times. The past year was one of sadness and loss to the Society. Their efficient, affectionate, and beloved president, Rev. B. S. Schnect, D.D., was called from labors to reward.

His place has been filled by Mr. Jacob Hike as *President*; Rev. J.

A. Crawford, *Vice-President*; F. Dyson, *Secretary*; J. B. Gillan, *Treasurer*; *Executive Committee*, the resident pastors in Chambersburg; *Managers*, the ministers resident in the town and county in the regular pastoral work, and two layman from each congregation.

The result of the past year's visitation is as follows:—

Number of families visited	1860
“ destitute of a Bible	205
Number of Bibles and Testaments donated amount- ing to	\$64 45
Amount books sold	329 89
Collections	183 97
Books in the Society's library	120 00

FOREST COUNTY.

This county was satisfactorily canvassed in 1872 by Rev. Thomas H. Wooding. A good supply of Bibles is now at Tionesta, in charge of M. W. Tate, Esq., until a suitable place can be found to put them on sale.

CHAMBERSBURG FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY.—An urgent appeal having been made to the members of the Chambersburg Female Bible Society by the Rev. Mr. Dyson, agent of Franklin County Bible Society, in favor of contributing to the relief of the pressing debts of the latter, the ladies resolved to hand over this year's collection to them.

GREENE COUNTY.

This county was thoroughly canvassed some five years ago by Rev. M. M. Eaton, and has been attended to since by Rev. J. Kenney, who now has charge of the work there, and will do it effectively.

INDIANA COUNTY.

The County Society has been organized anew, and the officers promise to see the work thoroughly done. Six new township societies have been organized, from a part of which we have a right to expect a successful canvass, while we look to the County Society to see that the whole work is done.

JEFFERSON COUNTY.

This county was for many years with Clarion County, under the care of Rev. E. Hull, a faithful agent of the Society. Last fall the County Society was reorganized, and also nine township societies. We have the assurance that most of these will be found to have done their work during the present year.

LANCASTER COUNTY.

The third convention of the Bible Society of Lancaster County was held in the Baptist Church, Gordonsville, and organized by electing Rev. J. B. Dobbins President, and Amos Hershey Secretary. The following societies were represented, viz. :—

Millersville.—Mr. Harry Bowman, Charles Denues, Esq., Mrs. Denucs, Mrs. Bowman, Mrs. H. Shirk, Miss Alice Brady, Miss Kate Pickel, Miss Julia Brenner.

Lancaster.—Rev. J. B. Dobbins, D.D., Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller, Rev. C. Reimensnyder.

Mount Joy.—Mr. J. R. Hoffer.

Gordonsville.—Mr. Henry Eckert, Rev. J. H. Groff, Mr. John Weaver, Miss Sallie Eckert, Miss Clara Eckert, Miss M. E. Groff, Miss Sue Kreider.

Delegates at Large.—Rev. M. J. Mumma and Rev. L. Peters.

Revs. Eckert, Peters, and Rosenmiller were then appointed a committee to prepare business for this Convention.

Afternoon Session, 1½ P. M.

Opened by singing "Rock of Ages," followed by prayer. The hymn "The Living Fountain," was then sung. The roll of the societies was called. The following were represented and heard from :—

New Holland.—Rev. M. J. Mumma wanted the New Holland Society to extend its work.

Millersville.—Mr. Harry Bowman said he had given full report in June: since then have collected about \$25 as donation, sold books to amount of \$15. An effort is being made to have every district visited. Have some very zealous workers and solicitors. Expect to have good report next convention.

Lancaster.—Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller said, have very little to report. Not much done the last year. Mostly collected by the churches.

Pequea Bible Society.—Whole amount collected since organized, \$118. Expenditures—Amount of Bibles and Testaments bought, \$85 09; expense of holding meeting on Welsh Mountain, having hymns, posters, etc., printed, \$9 50; Bibles and Testaments sold and given away, \$71 89; amount on hand, \$13 20; 170 members; 187 families visited, 20 found destitute; all supplied, most of them paid.

Ephratah.—A. C. Ranck writes: Collected, \$16 25; bought Bibles and Testaments to amount of \$15 42. Not much has been done.

Strasburg.—From the time of organization number of families visited, 116; found destitute, none; supplied with Bible by sale, 51; amount of cash received, \$47 24; amount paid out, \$36 60; balance on hand, \$10 64.

Mount Joy.—Mr. J. R. Hoffer said very little had been done since last meeting. Two gentlemen were appointed to supply hotels with Bibles; \$25 sent to the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

Columbia.—Rev. J. V. Eckert reports nothing done.

Rev. Mr. Wheeler, of Strasburg, remarked, they had no trouble to get their work done; all worked well.

Rev. L. Peters and Rev. J. H. Groff, of Pequea Bible Society, gave an account of the visit they had to the Welsh Mountain. Found 16 destitute families in one day; found them dirty and miserable, white and black living together in huts. All received the Bible. Some inquiry was made if they did not think they would trade them off for whiskey or tobacco. The Convention agreed it was the duty of the solicitors to supply all destitute with the Bible; if they made bad use of it, it was not the Society's fault.

The Committee on Business handed in a resolution, which, after considerable debating, was adopted, as follows:—

Resolved, 1st. That the Bible cause is one that should enlist the hearty co-operation of all Christians, patriots, and philanthropists of every name and denomination.

2d. That in order to sustain the local societies in the county, it be the duty of all ministers and other Christians to do their part in behalf of this good cause by co-operation and financial contributions.

3d. That in order that these conventions be more fully attended, we consider it necessary that circulars be addressed to all the secretaries of the local societies, at least four weeks before each convention.

4th. That a committee of three be appointed to prepare work for the next convention, and arrange a programme assigning the several items for each service, and that said programme be sent to the secretary of each of the local societies, also to each of the co-operating parties one month before the meeting.

The following resolution was offered, but, after several speeches, it was voted to be tabled until the next convention:—

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the local societies ought to be auxiliary to the County Society instead of the State Society.

The following committee was appointed on section 5th of the resolution: Revs. B. C. Susserett, J. V. Eckert, and Chas. Denues, Esq.

Singing, "Jesus now is calling."

After several motions, etc., it was agreed to hold the next Convention in Strasburg, on February 9th, commencing at 10 A. M.

Rev. D. P. Rosenmiller said he had talked to some Mennonites and Dunkards to co-operate with us, and had the promise they would bring it before their next conference.

A resolution was then passed that we be instructed to ask each

church to set apart one Sabbath of each year for the benefit of the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

A vote of thanks was tendered the ladies and gentlemen of Gordonville who provided homes for the delegates.

During the day very able speeches were made by Rev. J. B. Dobbins, D.D., Revs. J. M. Wheeler, J. V. Eckert, D. P. Rosenmiller, M. J. Mumma, L. Peters, J. H. Groff, Charles Denucs, Esq., Mr. H. Bowman, and others.

After singing and receiving the benediction, the Convention adjourned, to meet on February 9th, 1875, at Strasburg.

A meeting was held in the evening, when the attendance was very large and attentive. Rev. J. V. Eckert and Rev. J. H. Groff delivered very able addresses, setting forth the great work of the Bible societies, and what we owe to the Bible for the privileges we enjoy.

February 9.—This being the day appointed to hold the Fourth Convention of the Lancaster County Bible Societies.

The weather being extremely cold, the assemblage was small.

Rev. J. M. Wheeler called the Convention to order; Rev. J. V. Eckert was then chosen Chairman, and Amos Hershey Secretary.

It was concluded to spend the forenoon session in devotional exercises. After spending one hour in prayer and praise, and some able and appropriate remarks by Rev. J. V. Eckert, J. M. Wheeler, Rev. Mr. Baynan, and Dr. Martin, we adjourned to meet at 2 P. M.

Afternoon Session, 2 P. M.—House called to order by President. Opened by singing. Prayer by Jacob Stetman. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved.

The following societies were represented, and delegates present, and reported as follows:—

Mount Joy.—Mr. James F. Patterson gave the following account: Not much done since last Convention; rather growing cold; hard to get up meeting; report since opening, number of families visited, 365; destitute, 19; refused the Bible, 1; balance supplied; cash received, \$77 21; balance on hand, \$12 36.

Columbia.—Rev. J. V. Eckert reports nothing done.

Georgetown.—Mr. Israel McFadden gave following report: Whole number of families visited, 250; destitute 12; all supplied; found 4 Catholic families, all refused the Bible; number of members, 177; amount collected, \$80 66; books bought, \$26 85; balance in Pennsylvania Bible Society, \$49 11; in treasury, \$4 70; total, \$53 81, for mission purpose. Mr. McFadden here wished to know where the money was most needed. Was advised to leave that to the Pennsylvania Bible Society. Said they would rather designate the place themselves.

Pequea.—Mr. John Weaver and Amos Hershey reported, owing to continued protracted meetings being held by different churches, there has been no meeting since October. The work is still going on, and several families have been supplied with Bibles.

Strasburg.—Mr. J. W. Little reported Society still alive. The solicitors had worked with earnestness, had all canvassed, full report at last Convention.

Drumore Society.—Books bought to amount of \$101 13; cash received for books sold, \$60 75; subscription, \$3 65; due Pennsylvania Bible Society, \$36 27; 178 families visited, few found destitute.

The Committee appointed to prepare a programme of business for this Convention, but who failed to do so, were voted a resolution of censure for having totally neglected their duty, and an explanation is asked at the next Convention, from the Chairman. The same Committee, however, were reappointed to prepare programme for next meeting.

The resolution which was held over for this Convention was then taken up.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Convention that the local societies ought to be auxiliary to County instead of the State Society.

After some debate it was voted to hold it over to next Convention.

A motion was made to have a general colporteur elected whose duty it shall be to visit the local societies, to keep them alive, as the indications are that many of them are dead. After several expressions of opinion it was agreed to hold it over and have it brought before next Convention.

A vote of thanks was given the ladies and gentlemen of Strasburg for providing horses, etc., for delegates. The Secretary was instructed to write to Rev. I. H. Torrence to invite and urge him to be present at next Convention. It was voted to hold next Convention at Georgetown, at the M. E. Church, on Tuesday, May 18, 1875.

Mr. McFadden, of Georgetown, promised to have carriages at Christiana, the nearest station, to receive delegates and others wishing to attend the Convention.

Bird in Hand.—Rev. Mr. Torrence was with us more than a year ago; delivered a very interesting address and organized a Bible Society. Some of us have felt that we would like to do something for the Bible cause, and I think you may expect a report of something done before the Centennial Anniversary.

President; Samuel Hoar. *Vice-Presidents;* Samuel Armstrong, Dr. A. M. Miller, Louis C. Lyte, and J. O. Brower. *Managers;* Mrs. Rhodes, Valentine Baker, Mrs. Dr. Miller, James Quigley, Mrs. Joseph Cooper, W. H. Fox, and John Fralick.

Chestnut Level.—The Drumore Bible Society reports as follows :—

March 10, 1874, by books purchased of the Pennsylvania Bible Society	\$45 46
May 15, 1874, to cash paid in full by check as per receipt of May 21, 1874	45 46
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May 20, 1874, by bill of books to amount of	\$56 27
February 4, 1875, to cash paid by check per receipt	20 00
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Due the Pennsylvania Bible Society	\$36 27
Cash received for books sold	\$65 85
“ “ as donation	5 45
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Deduct expenses on the above bills of books	\$71 30
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	\$70 37
Cash paid Pennsylvania Bible Society	\$65 46
Balance of cash on hand	4 91
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	\$70 37

About 188 families visited, found very few destitute.

“ 90 “ supplied by sale.

“ 10 “ “ gift.

“ 12 individuals “ sale.

Several solicitors have not reported, not having finished canvassing their districts—we have fifteen districts in all.

Our officers are, Mrs. Mary Boyd, *Treasurer*; Miss Ellen Steel, *Secretary*; and myself, *President*. I keep the Bibles at this place, Chestnut Level, for sale and distribution.

WM. W. WATSON, *President*.

Elizabethtown.—The first annual meeting of the Elizabethtown Bible Society was held at the chapel of the Evangelical Lutheran church, on Tuesday evening, February 9, 1875. The officers for the ensuing year, who were elected, are as follows :—

President, George D. Boggs; *Vice-President*, John N. Normley; *Treasurer*, George N. Normley; *Secretary*, George F. Wagner; *Depositary and Librarian*, Rev. G. H. Trabert.

For some time past there has been a lack of interest in our meetings by not being attended as they should be, but things look quite encouraging for us, and we hope to do more of the good work just begun, by the end of another year. There have been several families in the neighborhood found destitute of the Bible, and they have all been supplied with God's word, with the exception of two or three, and they shall be supplied.

The following statement shows the financial standing of the Society :—

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By moneys collected	\$25 30	
By money received for books sold	16 53	
By value of books on hand	16 13	
	<hr/>	\$57 96
	DR.	
To cash remitted to Pennsylvania Bible Society	\$42 43	
To Bibles and Testaments given away		
To expressage and contingencies	5 93	
	<hr/>	\$48 36
Leaving a balance to our credit of		<hr/> \$ 9 60

New Holland.—On December 3, 1873, the first meeting was held in this house for the purpose of organizing an auxiliary Bible Society in this place, the meeting having been called by a committee acting under the auspices of the Lancaster County Bible Society.

An organization was formed and the proper officers elected, and on the 13th of the same month, at a meeting of the officers, the town was divided into four districts, and two ladies appointed for each district as solicitors. Soon afterwards the solicitors made a canvass of the town, visiting every family, soliciting contributions, offering Bibles to those who were without the Word and unable to purchase. Fortunately, only one family was found entirely destitute, but there were several others who had not the Word in a convenient form for use, and all were supplied. The people in general gave the solicitors much encouragement in their work, by greeting them kindly and contributing generously in aid of the cause.

On the 7th of last May a meeting was held in the Sunday School room of the Reformed church, when it was agreed to hold meetings in those localities, in the surrounding section of country, in which other similar societies had not already held meetings, for the purpose of canvassing those sections. Accordingly, a meeting was appointed and held at Voganville on the evening of May 14. The meeting was well attended by the citizens of the place, and after stating the object of the Society, four solicitors were appointed to canvass the town, who promptly went to work and gathered a handsome sum for the Society; one case of destitution was found out of thirty-nine families visited.

Another meeting was appointed for Hinkletown, on June 10, but on account of the threatening aspect of the weather, none of the members of the Society from this place attended the meeting, and nothing was done. A second meeting was appointed for Hinkletown on October 1, which was attended by several of the members of the Society from this place. Only a few of the citizens of Hinkletown, however, were in

attendance, and no solicitors were appointed, and hence we cannot report anything from that quarter.

It was not expected to find much, if any, destitution in these places, but the main object of having these meetings was to raise funds so as to enable us to supply the destitution which is believed to exist in some portions of our district, as well as to aid in sending the Bible to other portions of this and other lands, that may be less highly favored than these wealthy and intelligent communities. More such meetings should have been held at various points, but one great difficulty in the way has been to get means to convey persons, who might be willing to devote some of their time in this cause, to those places. We think too that a little apathy, on the part of some from whom we had expected more encouragement than has been rendered, has had a depressing effect upon the life of the Society. Let us hope that so noble and blessed a work will meet with the warmest encouragement and support from all who have the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom at heart.

We cannot conclude without tendering the thanks of the Society to the band of solicitors who went from house to house, in this place, and also those in Voganville, for the zeal and interest which they manifested in the work, and also the citizens in general who gave the solicitors so kind a reception.

The report of the *Treasurer* and *Librarian* is as follows:

	Dr.
To cash received from New Holland solicitors as donations .	\$32 95
“ “ “ Voganville “ “ .	6 00
“ “ “ New Holland “ for books sold .	12 62
“ “ for 33 Bibles and Testaments sold at depository	26 73
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	\$78 30
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Paid to parent Society	\$45 00
“ for freight on books	2 20
“ for account book	40
“ Lancaster City Bible Society for Bibles	2 40
“ for stationery, envelopes, and postage	50
Cash in treasury	27 80
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	\$78 30
Due parent Society	\$47 48
Deduct cash on hand	27 80
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Deficit	\$19 68
Net value of books in depository	\$60 45

Rev. L. M. Stevens, late pastor of the Cedar Grove Presbyterian church, having two life memberships in the American Bible Society, drew \$2 00 of books from this depository, during the year.

Addresses were delivered by Revs. Hassler and Gerhard, and a few remarks were also made by Mr. R. S. Brubaker and George H. Ranck, Esq., which concluded the exercises of the anniversary. The Society then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted as follows:—

President, Amos Diller; *Vice-President*, Jacob Metzger; *Secretary*, B. F. Bard; *Treasurer and Librarian*, George H. Ranck, Esq.; *Board of Managers*, E. G. Groff, Esq., J. W. Sandoe, Aaron H. Bair, Dr. J. B. Kohler, Miss Annie Holl, Miss Annie Roland, Miss Susan Ranck, and Miss Mollie E. Hoover.

Millersville.—The Millersville Bible Society was organized December 11, 1873. On December 12, 1874, the old officers were re-elected for the ensuing year. The officers are: *President and Depositary*, Henry Bowman; *Vice-Presidents*, Chas. Dennis, Abm. Greenawalt, Abm. Frantz, Geo. Kahler, Jacob Crist, and Dr. E. B. Herr; *Secretary*, N. R. Byerly; *Treasurer*, Christian Eiseman; *Managers*, Miss Kate Pickel, Miss Sallie Sheetz, Miss Malinda Brady, Miss Emma Greenawalt, Mrs. Mary Shirk, Mrs. Jno. Brady, Mrs. Abm. Frantz, Mrs. Jno. Lentner, and Mrs. Shenkel.

The township of Manor was assumed, to be our district, all except Safe Harbor and immediate vicinity. It was subdivided into districts corresponding to the School sub-districts, and solicitors appointed for each, it being the aim of the Society to secure a citizen of the part canvassed to do the work for the Society.

Out of eighteen districts thus formed eight have been thoroughly canvassed, together with the State Normal School, during the winter session, with the following results:—

	In the Districts.	In the School.	Total.
Families visited . . .	293	218	501
“ destitute . . .	19	3	22
“ supplied by sale . . .			26
Cash received as donations	\$123 18	\$45 95	\$179 13
“ “ for books sold . . .			\$15 10

Active work in the cause has been remitted until the fall schools open again, when we hope to canvass the district thoroughly.

Mount Joy :—

Number of families visited	365
“ “ destitute	19
“ refused the Bible	1
“ supplied by gift (value \$7 60)	17
“ of books disposed of volumes	32
“ of Roman Catholic families visited	6
Cash received for books sold, \$5 60	15
Subscriptions and donations	\$77 21
Amount paid State Society for books	\$35 71
“ “ “ to our credit	\$28 49
Volumes in Depository (value \$22 51)	33

Report for year, ending December 15, 1874.

President, James A. Patterson; *Secretary*, Wm. C. F. Reed; *Depository*, Samuel N. Eby; *Treasurer*, Simou J. Eby.

LAWRENCE COUNTY.

This county was very thoroughly canvassed and depositories of books established by Rev. C. Thorn, some three or four years ago. In addition to the County Society, some five township societies have been lately organized, and have either begun, or promise soon to begin the work of a thorough re-canvass.

LEHIGH COUNTY.

The twenty-fifth annual meeting was held on the evening of January 26, 1875, in St. Paul's German Lutheran Church, Allentown. The meeting opened with singing and prayer by Rev. Mennig, who also read a portion of Scripture.

The minutes of the three meetings held during the year were read and approved.

A resolution, offered by Rev. Reuben Hill, at the Whit Monday meeting of the Society, relative to changing the Constitution, was taken up and considered, and was rejected by a vote of the body. The following substitute was adopted:—

Resolved, That the fourth article of the Constitution, which reads: "The managers shall consist of lady members of the congregations, but all Ministers of the Gospel who are members of the Society shall attend the meetings as advisory members," be stricken out and the Constitution reprinted.

The Committee appointed to see that the hotels in Allentown and Lehigh County, the jail and poor-house be supplied with German and English Testaments, reported attention to their duties. In relation to the distribution of Testaments in the jail, the Committee submitted the following testimony of Warden T. Jacoby:—

"For the present we are supplied with Bibles and Testaments, and when the necessity arises for a fresh invoice, I will speak to the Inspectors regarding it, and they will see that we get them."

It was resolved that the report be accepted and the part relating to the jail be recorded on the minutes.

The Treasurer reported the following financial condition of the Society, and his report having been adopted, Benj. F. Trexler and Benjamin Stettler were appointed auditors.

S. K. Brobst, Treasurer, in account with Lehigh County Bible society, February 11, 1874, to January 26, 1875.

	DR.
Balance from last report	\$35 97
Membership fee from Eph. Brown	25
" Mrs. W. A. Lawfer	55
" Maria E. Steckel	25
" W. R. Steckel	25
From Mrs. Hannah Goranflo, County Life-member-	
ship, for Anna Kleppinger	5 00
Annual Memberships	16 00
" Peter Weida	50
Lehigh Church fee, Rev. J. Jaeger	10 00
Henrietta Zander, for membership	25
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	\$68 76
	CR.
By bill of E. B. Harlacher & Co.	\$2 50
1 Bible per Mr. Gross	2 50
Expressage	55
1 German Bible	60
1 Bible, Mrs. Romig, Saucon	1 50
Expressage	62
" 	95
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	\$ 9 22
Balance cash on hand	59 50
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Total	\$68 72

The Treasurer reported the following sales during the year:—

English Bibles	105
German Bibles	176
English Testaments	560
German Testaments	725
German and English Testaments	31
Testament and Psalms	24
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Total	1611

The following was adopted.

Resolved, That the Board of Managers be instructed to enforce the resolution providing for the employment of a colporteur, which was passed last Spring.

The following persons each paid twenty-five cents as dues of membership.

Matilda Kobler, Mina Walker, Mrs. Solomon Weber, Elizabeth Shuply, Mrs. Mary Kern, Carolina Becker, Maria N. Newhard, William Mennig, M. A. Seipel, Carl Wolz, Levinus Schaffer, Isaac Gangewere, Rev. J. W. Wood, E. C. Wood, W. G. Mennig, Rev. N. S. Strassberger, Philip Schneider, Daniel Wind, Rev. S. K. Brobst, E. B. Harlacher, B. F. Trexler, Rev. J. O. Lehr, Mrs. J. O. Lehr, John Hamman, John C. Anewalt, Beneville Frederick, Stephen Keck, Benj. Stettler, Henry Borneman, Henry F. Borneman, Jacob Acker, Willoughby Focht, Mrs. Willoughby Focht, Louisa Bahl, 50c., Emeline Jacoby, Catharine Harlacher, Amanda Bachman, Gottlieb Fogel, Wm. Diehl, Sr., Hannah Goranflo, Caroline George, Mary Newhard, Mary Goranflo, Matilda Schwoyer, Catharine Graesly, Catharine Kuntz, Lydia Fenstermacher, Charles H. Hamman, Mary C. Brobst. Mr. Jesse Goranflo paid five dollars, which entitles him to a life-membership.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :—

President.—Rev. N. S. Strassburger.

Secretary.—E. B. Harlacher.

Treasurer.—Rev. S. K. Brobst.

Managers.—Joseph Young, M. D. Eberhard, Martin S. Seiple, C. Pretz, Dr. John Romig, Wm. J. Hoxworth, Peter Weida, Rev. S. G. Wagner, Rev. J. W. Wood, Walter P. Huber, Rev. De Witte C. Byllesby, Christian Swartz, and J. Lewis Breinig.

On motion, adjourned, after prayer by Rev. J. W. Wood, and benediction by the president.

LUZERNE COUNTY.

While during the last year there has been no flagging of interest in the Bible cause in Luzerne County, yet from circumstances there has been less effort than in some years in its distribution. Prostration of the main business operations of the county for months, and consequent idleness or absence of hundreds of our population, and deprivations entailed upon many families, rendered a portion of the past year an inopportune time for exploration and gathering of funds, which are usually attended to together. Our indefatigable agent, Rev. S. S. Kennedy, however, has not been listless, nor have his spirits flagged. A portion of his time has been occupied in Schuylkill County under the auspices of another Bible society. In Luzerne County, during the year ending April 30, 1875, he visited 1287 families, among which 33 were found

destitute of the Bible, 20 of which refused to accept copies, the rest were supplied. Within the county, and under the auspices of its several societies, he received of funds \$1653 27, out of which all working expenses were paid, and \$1356 32 by him sent to the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

There have been distributed within the county 148 Bibles and 80 Testaments—together 228 copies. Of these 27 Bibles and 23 Testaments were given away, the rest sold.

The agent found the depositories at Wilkesbarre, Scranton, Hazleton, Plymouth, and Pittston, well supplied with the Sacred Word, and their keepers hearty in their work.

The agent is at present engaged in the Lackawanna Valley, and though he finds the time not favorable, he has heart and purpose for pressing the work.

Extracts from an Address by S. S. Kennedy.—Since the year 1804, the two great Bible societies in England and America have issued 102,103,897 copies of the Holy Scriptures.

Our own denomination has been and still is among the foremost of the churches in carrying forward the work of translating, printing, and circulating the Word of God, through the agency of the American Bible Society.

In Luzerne County the cause of Bible circulation has received a large share of attention, and has many friends, among whom we may reckon many of our prominent laymen and all our ministers. A Methodist minister who is indifferent to the success of the Bible cause is behind the age, and lacks an important qualification for his work. Among our honored laymen, who have been actively identified with the distribution of the Bible in this county, we would respectfully mention the names of Hon. Z. Bennett, Sharp D. Lewis, Esq., Payne Pettebone, Esq., and Daniel Jones, Esq. In this connection we should not omit the names of Wm. Swetland, Madison F. Myers, and Isaac C. Shoemaker, who, in their day, rendered important service to this cause.

Wm. Swetland, up to the time of his death, was the efficient and liberal chairman of the Wyoming Bible Society; and his co-laborer, Madison F. Meyers, sustained a similar relation to the Kingston Bible Society.

Isaac C. Shoemaker was an ardent friend and patron of Bible circulation, and gave the Bible depository a conspicuous place in his office at Wyoming.

The most important agency engaged in Bible circulation in this county is the Luzerne County Bible Society. The original society, bearing the above name, was organized in the days of Judge David Scott, who was long its president. Its records were lost, and hence we are without data respecting its history. The society was reorgan-

ized January 28, 1853, since which time full records have been kept by the secretary, S. D. Lewis. At the time of the reorganization the following officers were elected, namely: Hon. John N. Conyngham, *President*; Hon. Ziba Bennett, *Treasurer*; Sharp D. Lewis, Esq., *Recording Secretary*; and A. T. McClintock, *Corresponding Secretary*. Judge Conyngham served as President up to the time of his death, a period of eighteen years, and was succeeded by V. L. Maxwell, Esq., now also deceased. A. T. McClintock succeeded Mr. Maxwell as President, and is the present incumbent of that office. Hon. Z. Bennett and S. D. Lewis, Esq., have rendered uninterrupted service in their respective offices during the last twenty-five years.

This society, since its reorganization, has made three explorations of this great county for the dissemination of the Holy Scriptures, and each effort has resulted in the distribution of large numbers of the Sacred Volume.

The first canvass was begun by Rev. Mr. Brunson of the Presbyterian Church, and completed by the venerable Roger Moister of precious memory. The other two explorations were made by the present agent of the society.

Gratuitous, but most valuable services, were long rendered by Judge Bennett, who for many years kept the Bible depository at his store for the accommodation of all who desired to obtain the publications of the American Bible Society. Five years ago, at the request of Mr. Bennett, the depository was sent to the store of J. Sturdevant & Co., on Market Street, Wilkesbarre, and placed in the care of Mr. E. J. Sturdevant, where it still remains in a neat and convenient bookcase, provided at the expense of the society.

The Lackawanna Bible Society centering at Scranton has had a much shorter history, and at present is not in an organized condition, but it still maintains a depository at the store of N. Norton. There is also a local society at Wyoming and one at Pittston, each keeps a depository, and each has aided in the work of local exploration.

Within the past three years a depository has been established at Plymouth and one at Hazleton. By the agent and these depositories about 2500 copies of the Scripture are annually distributed in this county. The assets are as follows: Bibles and Testaments on hand estimated at \$1500; bookcases and depository signs estimated at \$100, total, \$1600.

The Wyoming Bible Society held its annual meeting for the election of officers and the transaction of business at the M. E. Church in Wyoming, on Sunday evening, April 4, 1875.

The meeting was called to order by William Henry, President, and opened with prayer by Rev. W. S. Stites.

Rev. J. C. Laycock read the XIX. Psalm.

The President read extracts from the Sixty-sixth Annual Report of the Pennsylvania Bible Society.

After the financial portions of the meeting were disposed of, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: *President*, William Henry; *Vice-Presidents*, N. Van Horn, L. G. Ensign, Thos. Hutchins. Payne Pettebone, R. R. Frear; *Ex officio Vice-Presidents*, Rev. J. C. Laycock and Rev. W. S. Stites; *Recording Secretary*, Steuben Jenkins; *Corresponding Secretary*, Rev. E. R. Wolfe; *Treasurer*, Jacob J. Shoemaker.

The Recording Secretary read a letter from Rev. S. S. Kennedy, asking for aid in canvassing and supplying with the Bible the townships of Dallas, Lake, Lehman, etc.

On motion of Payne Pettebone, it was voted to contribute the sum of fifty dollars in aid of canvassing the towns named, together with such neighboring towns as may need aid in supplying the Bible to every family.

Short addresses were delivered by S. Jenkins and Rev. J. C. Laycock, followed by a prayer and the L. M. Doxology, when the meeting adjourned.

The Society has a depository, kept by Jacob J. Shoemaker in his business office in Wyoming, in which a general assortment of the cheaper sort of Bibles, together with Testaments, Psalms, etc., are kept on hand for sale.

A strong desire was manifested at the meeting to have the Bible in every family of the great Commonwealth of Pennsylvania on the 4th of July, 1876. The people owe it to themselves and to God, who has so abundantly favored and prospered them, that this great and good work should be accomplished.

MERCER COUNTY.

In addition to the County Society, fifteen new township societies have been organized the past winter. A number of these have gone to work with zeal, and more will do so. This county has been well canvassed in former years, and is well supplied with Bible depositories.

MONTOUR COUNTY.

In response to your circular, I send the following report:—

Our general meeting was held on the 25th of October, at 3½ o'clock, in the Mahoning Presbyterian Church. After singing and prayer, Rev. I. H. Torrence made some encouraging remarks about the operations of the Society, and their intention of having the Bible placed in the hands or house of all that would receive it, by the centennial year. Rev. Mr.

Eells, of Pittsburg, made an appropriate address to an interested audience. Meeting was closed with prayer and the benediction.

I regret to state that our collections are much less than usual, owing, perhaps, to the hard times. Our depository is still in the hands of Mr. G. B. Brown.

Sales amounting to	\$40 00
Collections	51 15
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	\$91 15

President, Mrs. I. H. Torrence; *Secretary*, Mrs. Jas. McCormick; *Treasurer*, Miss Margaret Montgomery.

McKEAN COUNTY.

No regular work as to supplying this county has been attempted since that done by Rev. S. Porter in 1868. A part of the county, at least, will be visited this year by Rev. G. R. Harvey. H. Hamblin, Esq., at Smithport, has a depository of Bibles.

NORTHUMBERLAND COUNTY.

FEMALE BIBLE SOCIETY OF MILTON.—The Managers of this Society have nothing special to report. The regular meetings of the Society have been attended to during the year, and the annual collections have been made. The treasurer, Miss E. Porter, reports the following as having been received by her:—

From Methodist Episcopal Church	\$14 65
“ Presbyterian Church	33 80
“ German Reformed	8 20
“ Reformed Presbyterian Church	4 00
“ Lutheran Church	5 50
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Total,	\$76 15

Donation to Pennsylvania Bible Society, \$100.

T. L. Finney, depository, in account with Female Bible Society of Milton.

	DR.
April 1, 1874. Books in depository	\$91 70
June 25, “ Bill of books	19 53
Oct. 22, “ “ “	35 18
Dec. 11, “ “ “	25 90
“ 24, “ “ “	19 00
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	\$191 31

	CR.
By books in depository April 1, 1875	\$99 50
“ “ donated	1 40
“ expressage	2 50
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	\$103 40

Amount for books sold, 1875, \$87 91.

Officers for the year: *President*, Miss Mary Rhodes; *Secretary*, E. C. Lawson; *Treasurer*, Miss Porter.

Watson town.—Your circular came to hand a short time since, and, in accordance with the request therein contained, I send the following report in behalf of the Watson town Bible Society :—

Bibles are kept for sale at the store of Philip Shay, in Watson town.

A. LIPPINCOTT, *Secretarg.*

Books on hand	\$86 94
“ sold, April 27	14 65
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	\$72 29

PHILADELPHIA COUNTY.

The thirty-sixth anniversary of the Philadelphia Bible Society was held in the Church of the Holy Trinity (Protestant Episcopal), Nineteenth and Walnut Streets, Philadelphia, on Sunday Evening, Feb. 7. 1875.

Right Rev. Wm. Bacon Stevens, D.D., presided.

Religious services were conducted by Rev. Thomas A. Jaggar, D.D., Rector of the Church, assisted by Rev. Wm. L. Bull.

Upon conclusion of the services the Rev. Irvin H. Torrence, Secretary of the Pennsylvania Bible Society, Rev. Henry C. McCook, Pastor of the Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Rev. Thomas A. Jaggar, D.D., the Right Rev. William Bacon Stevens, D.D., addressed the meeting.

REPORT.

Another year is numbered with the past, and again we are called upon to submit a report of the operations of our society. Would that we could quadruple the glorious work consummated during the past year, and be enabled to render a more favorable account of our doings; but we have done what we could, and can only indulge the faith of a Christian, and believe that good has been accomplished in our distribution of the Word of Life to the needy ones of earth, pilgrims and strangers, pursuing their journey to the haven of eternal rest.

Oh! that the riches of earth might be poured into our treasury, so that every soul in our land, and throughout the world, might be pro-

vided with the chart of salvation. This is the great aim of our society—whilst it is our duty first to provide for home wants, it is expected that in the great city of Philadelphia a large surplus should be realized for the Pennsylvania Society, and through it, to the great American Bible Society whose field is the world. Our cup of blessing ought to be filled to overflowing, and run over into these parent institutions, thereby filling their streams of usefulness. But various causes have hindered our progress; notably the great financial crisis through which the country has been passing.

Report of Committee on Colportage.—We have had the past year five colporteurs at work distributing the Sacred Scriptures, viz.: our faithful, indefatigable Missionary, Mr A. M. Seip, whose visits *generally* have been among seamen and immigrants and families. He visits most of the vessels on the Delaware and Schuylkill, including United States vessels and steamers sailing from this port; by this means he comes in contact with sailors from distant parts of the world, to whom he furnishes a copy of God's Word when found destitute.

He also visits sailor's boarding houses, reading rooms, station houses, railroad depots, etc., and wherever Bibles are needed they are supplied.

The visits of our female colporteurs have been principally in the southern and southwestern portions of our city, through most of the alleys and small streets. Frequently touching scenes are described, in their monthly reports, of the gratitude evinced by many in possessing a copy of the Word of Life, and the comfort derived from the kind attentions of the Bible distributor, whose aim is to lead poor sinners to Jesus as their best friend and only Saviour.

Mr. Seip has had many testimonies from seamen, to whom he has given a Bible, of the benefit received in perusing it during their voyage.

Each of our colporteurs makes about three hundred visits every month. With God's blessing we hope to place in every home in our extended city, destitute of the Bible, a copy of that sacred and life-giving book, by the close of our great centennial year, and call upon those who value that book to aid us with funds to accomplish so desirable a work.

JOSHUA COWPLAND.

POTTER COUNTY.

A regular canvass of this County was begun some few years ago, but was not carried out over the county, owing to the difficulty of obtaining suitable agents. Depositories are maintained at Condersport and Lewisville.

SCHUYLKILL COUNTY.

The twenty-third anniversary of the Schuylkill County Female Bible Society was held in the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The following are the Board of Managers :—

Mrs. William Pollock, *President* ; Mrs. Benj. Taylor and Mrs. P. W. Sheaffer, *Vice-Presidents* ; Mrs. E. McGinnis, *Treasurer* ; Mrs. H. B. Carter, *Librarian* ; Mrs. W. R. Symons, *Secretary* ; and Rev. J. P. Stein, *Corresponding Secretary*.

The following are the members belonging to the Society :—

Mrs. William Potts, Mrs. Kopitsch, Mrs. E. O. Parry, Mrs. N. Wetzell, Mrs. W. E. Boyer, Mrs. M. Strouse, Mrs. C. A. Stein, Mrs. B. Haywood, Mrs. Theo. Garreston, Mrs. Cooch, Mrs. John Medlar, Mrs. E. C. Baird, Mrs. C. R. Dengler, Mrs. T. M. Russell, Mrs. M. Bright, Mrs. C. M. Hill, and Mrs. Samuel Lewis.

The meeting was opened with religious services by Rev. J. P. Stein.

Mr. J. K. Sigfried was elected to preside over the meeting.

An interesting letter from S. S. Kennedy, who has been laboring in behalf of this Society, was read. In this letter he states that he had visited no less than 325 families in that part of Catawissa Valley lying in Schuylkill County. During these visits he supplied 25 families that were destitute of the Bible. The total number of volumes of Sacred Scriptures distributed during this canvass was 143. The Society will endeavor to secure his services for a limited time during the present year.

The Librarian's report was read, which is as follows :—

Number of volumes in the depository May 5, 1875	381
“ “ “ purchased last year	—
Total number of volumes	381
Number of volumes sold and donated to date	63
Number of volumes in depository	318
Received for sale of books from May, 1874, to April 28, 1875	\$20 54
Collected for year	—
Total received	\$20 54
Amount paid Treasurer	\$19 02
“ in hands of Miss Fister	1 52
	————— \$20 54

The following is the report of the Secretary.

Mrs. A. M. McGinnis in account with Schuylkill County F. B. Society :—

Dr.

May 5, 1874. To balance per settlement	\$116 68
Sept. 1874. Rec'd from S. S. Kennedy per check	9 00
May 16, 1874. Rec'd from Miss Fister, books sold	\$13 60
Oct. 21, 1874. Rec'd from Miss Fister, books sold	15 27
Feb. 1, 1875. Rec'd from Miss Fister, books sold	3 75
April 9, 1875. Rec'd from Miss Fister, books sold	1 62

Total for books sold	\$34 24
March 9, 1875. Received from Trinity Episcopal Church, per Mr. Henry Russel	\$28 10
May 6, 1875. Rec'd from Methodist Episcopal church	36 25
May 10, 1875. Rec'd from Second Presbyterian church	21 50
May 10, 1875. Rec'd from Germantown Sunday School	2 00
May 10, 1875. Rec'd from Rev. J. P. Stein	2 35
	<u>\$250 21</u>

Cr.

May, 1874. Remitted to Penn. Bible Society	\$100 00
May, 1874. Paid travelling expenses of Rev. A. U. Tack	6 00
May, 1875. Paid Cor. Sec. for stamps, stationery, etc.	2 35
May, 1875. Remitted to Penn. Bible Society	
May, 1875. Coll. of Trinity Episcopal church	\$28 19
May, 1875. Coll. of Methodist Epis. church	36 25
May, 1875. Coll. of Sec. Presbyterian church	21 50
May, 1875. Money rec'd for books sold	34 24

Amount remitted	\$120 18
	<u>\$228 53</u>
Dr. To amount received	\$250 21
Cr. To amount remitted	228 53
	<u>\$21 68</u>

Rev. I. H. Torrence, of Philadelphia, favored the audience with an interesting address on the Bible Society in foreign lands.

Revs. S. Barnes, Williams, and Kneer were present and participated in the services of the evening.

The Board of Managers were re-elected to serve in their official capacity for the ensuing year.

Report of S. S. Kennedy:—

Since the 16th of June I have canvassed that part of Cattawissa Valley lying in the County of Schuylkill. This valley was once a vast pine forest, which has but recently fallen before the woodman's axe; but the lumbering business has nearly ceased, and many of the people

are now giving attention to agriculture. The streams once abounded with saw-mills, which have nearly all been burnt down, or swept away by the flood. Many of the old tenement houses about the mill-dams are still occupied by very poor people who still linger where they formerly found employment. The old roads which led to these obscure places lie through mountain gorges and deep ravines, and are obstructed by rocks and stumps and corduroy logs. With much difficulty, and with great danger to my horse and vehicle, I jolted slowly along these mountain passes, searching for these poor families, many of whom were destitute of the Bible.

When they asked me why I thus sought them out in such a wilderness and gave them the Bible, I answered, "I am sent by persons who care for your souls. What you regard as so great a charity is but a light burden to the benevolent men and women of Pottsville who gladly pay for the Bibles which I give you."

The donors of these sacred gifts will never tread the rough roads over which they were conveyed; and will never see the faces nor hear the glad exclamations of the needy persons who received them; but the Omniscient eye which watches all our efforts will place the credit of each good deed to the account of the proper person.

I hailed a man by the way, and learned that he was a German Catholic, but willing to read the Bible, but without money to buy one. On receiving a German Bible as a gift, he took off his hat, made a polite bow, and sincerely thanked me. He then opened his woollen shirt and placed the Bible in his bosom, near to his heart, and went on his way rejoicing.

A mother besought me for a Bible for her son, who was a cripple, and unable to walk, and much desired to read the Scriptures. Her request was granted, and she returned home with rejoicing, bearing the Bible with her. Many others were made glad by similar gifts.

Many of the farmers are prospering and live very comfortably. They entertained me cordially, and many of them purchased Bibles for themselves or for their children. Some of the old people still remember the visits of an agent of the Bible Society made about twenty years ago, and exhibit the books which they bought of him. They have exalted opinions of the wealth and benevolence of the women of Pottsville.

SOMERSET COUNTY.

The project for a full canvass of this county, made two years ago, failed from circumstances beyond our control, and as yet nothing has been done to the purpose since. It is in our plans to look to this very soon.

SULLIVAN COUNTY.

At the meeting of the Sullivan County Bible Society, a sermon was preached by the Rev. Mr. Strodaeh, of Dushore. We could not help congratulating Sullivan County, and especially our German friends in Cherry and Colley townships, who are under Rev. Mr. Strodach's pastoral charge, in having this gentleman with us as a permanent resident.

Mr. William Meylert followed the sermon with a statement of the affairs and finances of the Society, the latter of which are doubtless largely supplied by drafts upon the Treasurer's pocket. Seventy-five dollars have been paid for Bibles during the past year, and about \$135 remain unpaid.

Now we wish that all Sullivan County could have heard the statements of the destitution of the people in regard to Bibles. Is it possible that there is not intellectual and moral life sufficient to supply a Bible to every household? It cannot be that over *two hundred families* in this county will remain destitute another year without a Bible in the house. Let us consider what this means. It means that there are nearly one thousand people within the limits of this county living like the heathen. Probably a majority of them do not feel able to purchase a Bible. Shall we permit them to remain without the means? Can Christian men and women consent to let this condition remain?

There is a fearful responsibility resting upon us here, and let us each see that our skirts are clear, and send in our contributions for Bibles sufficient to supply every one of the two hundred destitute families.

Rev. Mr. Colt spoke in his usual forcible and convincing manner, and we may add that after the meeting *thirty dollars* were sent immediately on to the Bible Depository, and it was resolved to call upon all to come forward and help in this work.

It is to be hoped that this destitution will not continue another month. If the ladies will take the matter in hand, and canvass every town and village, something will be done worth noting.

TIOGA COUNTY.

The Bible Society of this county finished and reported last year a most thorough visiting of every family in the county. We have no report for the present year. Depositories are maintained at Wellsboro and Blossburg.

VENANGO COUNTY.

This county, once so active in the Bible cause, has suffered greatly in the depression of the oil business. As yet no attempt has been made to revive the work, except at two points, where the work has been prosecuted energetically, but no precise report has as yet been received.

WARREN COUNTY.

The system of reorganization has not yet reached this county. In former years they have not been wanting in the good work, and we have reason to hope that they will not be now.

WASHINGTON COUNTY.

Pursuant to call, a convention of the citizens of Washington County was held at the Town Hall, Washington, for the purpose of forming a Bible Society. The convention was called to order at 11 o'clock A. M., by the Rev. J. I. Brownson, D.D., of Washington. Rev. Josiah Stevenson, of Buffalo, was chosen *President*, and Dr. W. W. Sharp, of Amwell, *Secretary*. The convention was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Brownson, after which the call for the convention was read by the President, whereupon Rev. Brownson submitted the following preamble and resolution:—

Assembled under the call for the purpose of co-operating with the Pennsylvania Bible Society in a thorough canvass of the State, with the double view of supplying every destitute family with a copy of the Bible, and giving it the widest possible circulation throughout our nation and the whole world, it is the judgment of this convention that the Washington County Bible Society should now be organized, therefore—

Resolved, That the said society shall consist of all contributors to the Bible cause, and of all auxiliary societies which may be formed in the several townships, boroughs, or congregations in the county.

Resolved, That the officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President for each township and borough, a Recording Secretary, a Corresponding Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Executive Committee of five persons, who together shall constitute a Board of Managers.

Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to superintend the canvass of the county, in connection with the State Committee, appointing such agents as they may think best to distribute Bibles and collect funds, which agent or agents shall act in concert with the Vice-President of the County Society resident in the several townships and boroughs.

Resolved, That the Presidents of such auxiliary societies as are or may yet be formed shall be Vice-Presidents of the County Society, and that the Executive Committee shall hereafter appoint Vice-Presidents for townships or boroughs in which no such organization may exist.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously. The convention proceeded to the election of permanent officers. The Rev. J. Stevenson was chosen *President*; Samuel Hazlett, *Recording Secretary*; Robert Winters, *Corresponding Secretary*, and C. M. Reed, *Treasurer*. *Executive Committee*, C. M. Reed, Rev. J. R. Johnson, John McElroy, W. Kidd, and J. B. Wilson.

The female Bible Society in connection with the First Presbyterian church in Washington, Pa., was organized in 1837; has been in operation ever since: it averages from \$60 to \$75 annually.

Its officers are as follows:—

Miss M. A. Hughes, *President*; Mrs. Rachel Henderson, *Treasurer*; Miss Jennie W. Baird, *Secretary*.

No canvassers have been appointed for this place that we know of; have *not* a sufficient supply of Bibles. Our population not being very large or fluctuating, there are few families (except *Catholics*, who are becoming numerous in our midst) that have not the Bible.

WESTMORELAND COUNTY.

The County Society has been reorganized, and has at once appointed an agent and taken hold of the work with earnestness. There are two or three very efficient township societies in this county, and more have been organized. Deny Township is reported below. Salem Township seldom has failed, and Mt. Pleasant now promises to attend to the southern part of the county.

The Deny Township Bible Society met at Livermore, Tuesday, March 3, 1875, and was opened with prayer by Rev. George Hill, D.D., of Blairsville. Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer made the following report of receipts, viz.:—

School District No. 5	.	.	.	.	.	.	\$5 10
“ “ “ 7	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 25
“ “ “ 9	.	.	.	.	.	.	6 25
“ “ “ 10	.	.	.	.	.	.	5 75
“ “ “ 11	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 75
“ “ “ 13	.	.	.	.	.	.	3 50
“ “ “ 16	.	.	.	.	.	.	2 70
Livermore Borough	.	.	.	.	.	.	12 00
New Alexandria Borough	.	.	.	.	.	.	28 11
J. M. Stewart, for life-membership	.	.	.	.	.	.	10 00
Collected at Rev. Mr. Farris's lecture	6 34
George Gallagher, for life-membership	4 11
Additional, April 24	2 25
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							\$91 11

George Gallagher, depositary, reported:—

Books received	\$49 11
“ on hand	45 00
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Due Society	\$4 11

On motion, the following officers were elected for the next term :—

President, J. A. Sproull, of New Alexandria; *Vice-President*, James Decrier, of Latrobe; *Secretary*, Samuel P. Beattie, of New Alexandria; *Treasurer*, W. M. Baird, of Blairsville.

On motion, the President was directed to appoint one person in each School District to see that their District is thoroughly canvassed the coming year. Addresses were delivered by Rev. Dr. Hill and Mr. George Gallagher.

YORK COUNTY.

The annual meeting of the Society was held on the 5th of January, 1875, in the lecture room of the Presbyterian Church, York. The meeting was opened with religious services, conducted by the President, Samuel Small.

The Treasurer's report was read, and showed that the receipts from contributions of several churches and individuals, from the sale of Bibles, and from private and public collections by the agent, amounted during the year to \$1335 34; and the expenditures for purchase of Bibles, for agent's salary, and for Bibles donated, amounted to \$1038 08.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was read, and exhibited substantially the following result of the past year's operations: Rev. J. Kaempfer, the Society's agent, spent the entire year in the work of canvassing the county and supplying the destitute. He visited 7383 families, and found 346 families without the Word of God. His efficiency as an agent is enhanced by the habit of meeting the congregations with their pastors on Sunday and week-days, and addressing them on the cause of the Bible. Much interest has been awakened among the people of this county, by the frequent addresses and sermons, and the information thus imparted. The county is generally thoroughly canvassed and supplied.

The agent has been reappointed for the current year, and is laboring industriously in his mission. He has been instructed to explore thoroughly, and supply all the destitute, as the Society aims at supplying every person and family in the county with the Sacred Scriptures.

The Society resolved for this year to dispense with the usual Union Bible meeting of all the congregations, and substitute a simultaneous meeting in all the churches on the first Sunday evening of February; that sermons be preached on the Bible cause, and congregations urged to take up collections at the time or soon after.

The death of Charles A. Morris, the First Vice-President of the Society, was noticed, and a suitable minute thereof put on record. He was one of the few remaining survivors of the original founders of the Society in 1819. He was an honored, devoted, and liberal friend of the Society, and spared no efforts to promote its cause.

The officers for the ensuing year were elected, as follows: *President*, Samuel Small; *First Vice-President*, Daniel Kraber; *Second Vice-President*, J. V. Hoshour; *Third Vice-President*, Isaac Loucks; *Corresponding Secretary*, Rev. A. W. Lilly; *Recording Secretary*, E. C. Bender; *Treasurer*, Rev. S. Oswald; *Executive Committee*, E. G. Smyser, T. E. Cochran, D. E. Small, David Fahs, Jacob Bastress, J. W. Buckingham; *Finance Committee*, Rev. L. A. Gotwold, D. E. Small.

CORRESPONDENCE.

NEAR LEWISBURG, MARSHALL CO., TENN., April 20, 1875.

Mr. Jos. H. Dulles:—

VERY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER—Yours to the auxiliaries of the Pennsylvania Bible Society came to hand this day. I hasten to give you a brief sketch of the Rock Creek Bible Society as one of your auxiliaries, and perhaps the oldest one you have. It was organized in 1815. Its sixtieth anniversary will be held on the 15th of May ensuing. It has never failed to hold its meeting, and transact its usual business. For forty-five years of its operation, I could not do better than to send you the record of Bethberii Church, which contains a brief sketch of its history; more, indeed, than I could write. There has been but little variation in its operation. We want our parent to know that we are still alive, and doing all we can to supply the destitute.

Officers of the Rock Creek Bible Society: Redin Jones, Esq., *President*, P. O. Farmington, Tenn.; Dr. J. O. Nowlin, *Recording Secretary*, Farmington, Tenn.; J. V. Ewing, Esq., *Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary*, Lewisburg, Tenn.; E. E. Vernor, *General Agent and Distributor*, Lewisburg, Tenn.; E. E. Vernor, *Depositor for the Society*, etc.

We have but few books on hand at present. Owing to pressure in the money market, we will not be able to do a great deal this year, but will do what we can.

Our region of country has been supplied and resupplied five times since the year 1840. Yet there is some destitution at present. I have been a Bible agent for more than thirty years, and expect to serve for life. May the Lord bless and prosper his own work.

Truly yours,

E. E. VERNOR, *Agent, etc.*

LEWISBURG, TENN., April 23, 1875.

Mr. J. H. Dulles:—

DEAR SIR—At the request of the Corresponding Secretary of the Rock Creek Bible Society, I herewith hand you a short history of said Society. The Rock Creek Bible Society was organized in the year 1815,

auxiliary to the Pennsylvania Bible Society, and has never changed its relations to said Pennsylvania Society. On Saturday before the third Sabbath in May it will hold its sixtieth anniversary. I say *will*, I feel authorized in saying *will*, from the fact that it has never, in a single instance, failed to meet on that day, notwithstanding it has been in existence during *wars*, *pestilence*, and *financial panics*.

For many years this was the only Bible society in this western country. Some years after other societies auxiliary to it were organized in other neighborhoods. This and several adjoining counties have (at an early day of its history) been supplied with the Word of God, and more recently this Society, in connection with other societies, have resupplied this county with Bibles. This Society at an early day supplied the settlements in North Alabama with Bibles. This Society was organized by eight members of Bethberii Presbyterian Church (generally known as Rock Creek Church). Said church was organized in 1810, and, in connection with the history of said church at its fiftieth anniversary in 1860, I find this minute in reference to this Bible Society, to wit: "Financial, gross receipts to date, about \$4600, about \$4000 of which has been forwarded to the Parent Society." To the above may be added the annual collections for fourteen years, say \$1000, making in all about \$5600 which has been raised by the Society for this glorious object.

The Rev. Thomas J. Hall was elected (at the organization of the Society) President, and acted as President, Corresponding Secretary, and Treasurer for thirty-nine years. During his administration about 4000 Bibles and as many Testaments were received from the Parent Society, and disposed of principally by gift.

Present officers: Rev. T. J. Stone, *President*, P. O. Columbia, Tenn.; A. B. Ewing and R. G. McClure, *Vice-Presidents*, Lewisburg, Tenn.; James V. Ewing, *Corresponding Secretary and Treasurer*, Lewisburg, Tenn.; Dr. J. O. Nowlin, *Secretary*, Farmington, Tenn.; J. S. Ewing, *Depository*, Lewisburg, Tenn.

The management of this Society will soon be in the hands of the third generation, and we hope that it will be kept up and continued in its glorious work by our childrens' children until the entire world shall be redeemed and saved from sin and ruin. I am also requested to say that this society at its last meeting instructed the Treasurer to forward to the Parent Society all funds in his hands, and authorize it to invest or appropriate the same as it thought best. The contemplated arrangements with the railroad companies meet with our approbation, and we are perfectly willing to leave the disposition of our means in the hands of the Parent Society.

Yours, truly,

A. B. EWING.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDING APRIL 30, 1875.

RECEIPTS.

Balance from last year's report	\$2,307	29
Bibles and Testaments sold for cash and to the Book Trade	18,316	21
Philadelphia Bible Society for Bibles and Testaments	2,103	64
" " " Donation	139	13
Auxiliaries and Agents on Bible account	9,126	77
" individuals and churches, donations	3,378	99
Female Bible Society of Philadelphia, for Bibles	977	03
" " " " Donation	800	00
Interest on Legacies invested and on deposits	1,082	19
U. S. Coupon loan paid off	109	75
Legacies: Robt. Darragh, Beaver Co.	\$500	00
" Thos. Patterson, Luzerne Co.	150	00
" Margaret Pepper, Phila.	1,918	57
	2,568	57
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	\$40,909	57

DISBURSEMENTS.

American Bible Society for Bibles and Testaments	\$23,978	49
American Bible Society, Donation	270	00
Foreign Bibles imported and purchased	3,932	33
Printing Annual Reports, subscription books, circulars, etc.	503	77
Repairs to furnace	71	30
Freight on Books from N. Y. and drayages	271	03
Salaries, travelling expenses, insurance, coal, postage, blank books, stationery, and incidental expenses	8,717	63
	37,744	55
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	\$3,165	02

BENJ. G. GODFREY, *Treasurer.*

PHILADELPHIA, May 3d, 1875.

The undersigned Committee have examined the Treasurer's accounts for the year ending April 30, 1875, and, after comparing the charges with the vouchers, find them correct, and that there is a balance in the Philadelphia Safe Deposit Company, and in hand, of thirty-one hundred and sixty-five dollars and two cents.

C. HIESKELL, }
ABR. R. PERKINS, } *Committee.*

AUXILIARY BIBLE SOCIETIES.

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NAMES OF AUXILIARIES.	Received for Bibles, &c. the 67th year.	Donations the 67th year.	PRESIDENTS.	SECRETARIES.	TREASURERS.
<i>Adams County.</i> East Berlin.	\$90 00	Rev. J. W. Lake .	Prof. L. H. Croll .	J. L. Schiek.
Abbotstown	D. J. Hauser, D.D.	J. H. Freed .	J. G. Wolf.
Penn. Col. and Theol. Seminary	Prof. C. A. Hay, D.D.	J. T. Gladhill .	F. W. Stayley.
New Oxford	J. R. Hersh .	J. W. Hendrix, M. D.	Abraham Sheely.
Gettysburg, Femalo .	40 00	\$60 00	Mrs. Rev. S. Smith	Mrs. Julia M. Jacobs	Mrs. Susan E. Falmestock.
<i>Allegheny Co., Young Men's</i>	2020 07	1655 31	Thomas H. Lano .	L. H. Eaton .	John F. Loy.
<i>Armstrong County .</i>	228 45	W. Gates .	R. W. Smith .	James Pipor.
<i>Berks County .</i>	Rev. W. A. Good .	J. Fry .	A. F. Boas.
<i>Bedford County .</i>	John Mower .	Henry Nyeodemus	Samuel Shuek.
Broad Top	Edmund H. Turner	Edmund H. Turner.
<i>Beaver County .</i>	17 58	70 00	R. S. Imbrie. .	W. R. Gallagher .	Thos. McCreery.
<i>Blair County.</i>	Harry Mix .	Rev. R. Crittenden	S. W. Alvord.
<i>Bradford County .</i>	15 00	P. W. Halliday .	P. W. Halliday .	Seth W. Paine.
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